THE JERUSALEM

Yehieli, deputy head of the Gush Etzion Regional Council.

Yehieli, who has called on resi-

dents of Gush Etzion and Efrat to

continue driving through Bethle-

hem rather than on the new bypass road, said the lesson to be learned

from last night's incident is not to

stop driving on the road - just not

"I don't recommend shopping

to stop and shop in Bethlehem.

in an area which is oot secure,

he said. Yehieli said he recom-

mends driving through Bethle-

bem so that separate roads for

Jews only - where Jews would be

easy targets for terror attacks -

are not created. "We want to

keep the roads mixed," he said.

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Jerusalem man shot

outside Bethlehem store

and HERB KEINON

closed military zone after the

shooting.

The shooting occurred at about

5:30 p.m., when the victim, wear-

ing a kippa, came out of a ceramics shop in the Palestinian sector.

As he approached his car, he was

shot from close range.

Another Israeli who was pass-

ing by saw the wounded man and helped him to the IDF roadblock

at Rachel's Tomb, where soldiers

The store near where the shoot-

ing took place was the scene of a

previous shooting, said Yehoshua

called an ambulance.

A MANHUNT was under way

last night for a terrorist who shot

and wounded a Jewish man on

the outskirts of Bethlehem. Jeru-

salem resident Re'em Azulai, 33.

was listed in fair condition at Ha-

dassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem with bullet wounds to the jaw and hand. OC Judea and Samaria Maj.

Gen. Gabi Ophir met last night

with his Palestinian counterpart,

Haj Ismail, and informed him of

the seriousness with which Israel-

views the maident. The two also

discussed security arrangements

for this Saturdays Palestinian Council election.

The IDF declared Bethlehem a

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**Squatters** 

removed from Kiryat Arba apartments

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BORDER policemeo begao moving into some 40 apartments in the Ashmoret Yitzhak oeighborhood on the edge of Kiryat Arba yesterday afternoon, a few hours after they evicted dozens of squatters from the site.

Hundreds of policemen and border policemen took part in a 40-minute operation to move the squatters from the homes.

Some of the residents offered passive resistance. No violence was reported, and there were no

"It went relatively quietly, it was certainly successful," said Alec Ron, the commander of the Samana and Judea police district.

The police evicted and the second hood. Families in another 1 units were allowed to remain. The squatters were taken from

the homes to the Hebron police station for questioning. There, a Housing Ministry representative tried to find other housing in Kiryat Arba for those who moved into the apartments because they lacked adequate housing.

According to Kiryat Arba activist David Wilder, the squatters can be divided into three groups: those who did oot have apartments; those that had small apartments in Kiryat Arba and wanted to improve their living conditions; and those who feared that if Jews were not in the apartments, they would be given to Palestinians.

Ron said that an agreement in principle was reached with the squatters in November, whereby some of the apartments would remain in the hands of the settlers, and others would be turned over to the police and - a year later - returned for use by the

Ron said the squatters, at the last minute, reneged on the agreement, necessitating the evacuation.

Kiryat Arba local council head Zvi Katzover, who had mediated in efforts to get the squatters to zeira was brought in to the strug-

move out on their own, said he was angry that the evacuation took place, and that he asked the police for another day or two to try and get the squatters to leave

voluntarily. Netivot Rabbi Baruch Abuhatgle, because many of those in the apartments are his followers. The evacuated apartments will be turned over for a year to the border police, which is evacuating its base in Hebron as part of

the Oslo accords. Ashmoret Yitzhak, within a few meters of Arab homes, was built by the previous Likud governmeot, but the apartments were never put up for sale as part of this government's housing freeze in the settlements. Settlers first began squatting in the apartments in the summer of 1994.



All banks to close

on Fridays as of March 1

MICHAL YUDELMAN

ALL banks will be closed on Fridays as of March 1, following an

Bank workers and the Histadrut have been fighting for a five-day

work week for the past eight years. Until now, the move was held up by

firm opposition from Bank Leumi and the Chambers of Commerce.

They proposed closing the banks on Sunday, as is the custom in other countries, and argued that closing them on Friday would obstruct

Not all the banks have officially announced the change, but Hista-

drut Chairman Amir Peretz declared that the decision binds all the

banks. Any bank which fails to complete the negotiations with its

agreement reached yesterday between the Histadrut and banks.

Policemen evict a squatter from a Kiryat Arba apartment yesterday.

## Russian forces kill 60 Chechen rebels, free nine hostages

RUSSIAN forces yesterday stormed a village where rebels held more than 100 hostages. While fighting still raged after dark, authorities said troops had



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killed 60 rebels, captured others and freed nine of the captives. Interfax and Itar-Tass news encies said the nine hostages had been brought out of Pervoaiskoye several hours after Russian troops stormed the village to

end a six-day stand-off.
Interfax said Russian troops had four dead and 14 wounded. "We want the terrorists punished and wiped out from the Chechen land," President Boris

Yeltsin told the ITAR-Tass news

ATHENS (AP) - Premier An-

dreas Papandreou resigned yes-

terday after nearly two months in

hospital and opened the way for

his socialist party to elect a new

head of government by week's

and a courageous act by the presi-

dent and founder of the Panhel-

lenic Socialist Movement," said

Kostas Skandalides, the party's

He said Papandreon asked his

party's central committee and the

parliamentary group to "elect a new

secretary general.

"This is an historic moment

workers over the new arrangements by March 1 should know that "its Full report, Page 5 workers will simply not show up to work that Friday," Peretz said.

Greek leader Papandreou quits premier." Papandreon did not re-

> sign as head of the Pauhellenic Socialist Movement, or Pasok. Under the constitution, the ruling party's 168-strong parliamentary group will have three days to elect a new premier. The new premier will most probably be

business transactions.

elected by Friday. The top contenders for his post are two economists. Defense Minister Gerasimos Arsenis and former industry minister Costas

Papandreou family feud, Page 5

## **US:** No decision on Pollard yet

THE American Embassy in Tel Aviv last night denied a Channel 1 report that President Bill Clinton had made a final decision to not pardon convicted spy Jona-

than Pollard. "The Pollard case has oot reached the president's desk, and therefore he has taken no decision," read a statement issued by the embassy. The president "will consider the case when it reaches

his desk." Jerusalem Post Staff Sharon: Unity gov't handed over Pollard, Page 4

# '95 inflation is 8.1%; lowest in 26 years

THE inflation rate for 1995 plummeted from the previous year's 14.5 percent to 8.1% ~ the lowest in 26 years - the Ceotral Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday.

"We are in a period of stable inflation," Finance Minister Avraham Shohat said. adding that he expects this year's rate to remain between 8% and 10%.

December's consumer price index rose 1.2%, the bureau also announced.

Shohat attributed the lowerthan-expected inflation to a combination of factors, including increased imports, the high supply of housing, and the government's monetary policy.

After a year of political wran-gling with Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel, Shohat refused to attribute the success directly to Frenkel's decision to raise interest rates or to take full

and GALIT LIPKIS BECK

responsibility for the good news. Instead, he said, "The economy and the government's policies must be seen in their totality." However, some people were skeptical about the results.

The fact that we achieved an inflation rate of only 8% in 1995 is a very positive sign, but it would have been preferable to end the year with a 10% inflation rate and a \$3 billion balance of payments deficit, instead of 8% inflation and \$4.2b. deficit," said Manufacturers Association presideot Dan Propper, who has staunchly opposed Frenkel's tight monetary policy and called for the devaluation of the shekel.

Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz said he will demand workers be fully compensated for inflation in the negotiations over the cost-of-living increment due to open next week. The increment is to he paid to workers in February's wages.

According to CBS statistics, the two major factors contributing to the overall inflation rate were the slowed increase in housing prices and the drop in fruit and vegetable prices. Housing in-creased by 13.7% in 1995, which contributed 3.3% - more than any other category - to the infla-tion rate. Housing prices in-creased by 23.6% in 1994, and

the yearly inflation was 14.5%. Fruit and vegetable prices dived by 24.6% in 1995, after rising by 56.1% in 1994, offsetting the inflation rate by 1.5%.

While prices increased in every other major category, most increases were less than in 1994. Clothing and shoe prices iocreased by 6% compared to 7.7%, food was up 9.3% compared to 8.7%, and health care rose by 8.3% against 15.8%. Michal Yudelman contributed to

## The hands of Jacob

INFLATION, said Martin Luther, is the devil's doing. As we Israelis can testify, in terms of its destructive symptoms he was right, but in terms of inflation's causes he was wrong, since it stems from a manmade shortage of goods and an

oversupply of money, Plagned by costly wars, stifled by anti-import regulators, and cursed with governments that turned the central bank into a servile printing machine, Israel was undersupplied with goods and showered with near

worthless money.

Much of this has changed since the launch of the 1985 economic plan, papies were cut, the public sector's growth was slowed, the - defense budget was slashed, and the Bank of Israel was largely

COMMENT AMOTZ ASA-EL:

emancipated. Even so, while drastically reduced from three-digit levels, inflation remained a good 10-15 percentage points above its average elsewhere in the West.

To further reduce inflation — es-

pecially against the backdrop of accelerated, demand-generating immigration - the central bank had to confront politicians hungry for added budgets and businessmen thirsty for cheap money. Faced with these, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel stood his ground - and ours - by repeatedly ignoring short-sighted, and often

self-centered, pleas to cut interest rates and to devalue the shekel. More than anything else, this determination has reduced Israel's inflation to a 26-year low.

Unfortunately, this achieve-ment might lead to hubris - not Frenkel's, but the politicians' - particularly those who later this year will decide whether to reinstate him as Israel's monetary leader for another five years.

Fortunately, unlike most other public figures, Frenkel's performance is easily quantifiable and clearly impressive. If allowed to continue, he can reduce inflation further and perhaps by Israel's 50th anniversary - complete the foreign exchange reform currently under way. It's high time.



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# Barak: Kinneret, Jordan River waters must stay in our hands

THE waters of Lake Kinneret and the Jordan River must stay in Israeli haods uoder aoy peace agreemeot. Foreigo Minister Ehud Barak told the Knessel Foreigo Affsirs sod Defense Committee yesterday.

. "The Syrians already know the waters of the Jordan and Kinneret will remain under Israeli use, but there are also sources which are not under our cootrol," Barak was quoted as saying.

Water is one of the subjects that has been raised during the talks, but only as an initial exploration of the issues, without substantive discussioo, Barak said.

Foreigo Mioistry Director-General Uri Savir, meanwhile, censured the "professional pessimists and various doomsayers," in an apparent attack at Barak and Minister Yossi Beilin, who expressed pessimism over the re-

A SOUTH Lebanese Army sol-

dier was wounded in a roadside

bombing in the western sector of

Syriao Foreign Minister Fa-

rouk Shara, meanwhile, drove

from Damascus to Beirut to hrief

President Elias Hrawi, Prime

Minister Rafik Hariri, and Parlia-

meot Speaker Nabib Berri on US

Secretary of State Warren Chris-

He later told a news confer-

ence of "Syria's seriousness in

participating with the US to

achieve a just and comprehensive

Channel 1 reported that Shara

raised the question of Lebanese

government intervention with the

topher's latest peace shuttle.

peace in the region."

working visit.

the security zone yesterday.

sults of Secretary of State Warren Christopher's talks in Damascus. "Jewish history is full of missed opportunities - in periods when

the Jews were strong and failed in their attempt to traoslate these assets into true long-term assets. This time we must not miss this opportunity created for us to negotiate with the Syrians," Savir said in a statement.

In an interview with Channel 1, Beilin said he believes a settlement with the Syrians would be put off until next year.

Prime Mioister Shimoo Peres yesterday repeated his visioo of s comprehensive peace in the Middle East by the year 2000 and said the negotiations with Syria are proceeding well.

"We're on the right path," Peres told the Labor Knesset faction. "The Labor Party's aim without gossip, speculation, and skepticism - is to bring about a comprehensive peace in the Middle East by the end of the ceotupromote peace.

Syria's official daily Al-Baath ry." He stressed he would "not hold a stopwatch in my hand"

during the negotiations and said the negotisticos could not be linked to the Knesset elections. Peres told the faction that Christopher returned from Damascus with some sgreements: 'An agreement hy all of us to ter reported. make an effort to turn the peace into a comprehensive peace - not

on some economic principles. "It's the first time interest has been seen in Syria in taking the economic issues seriously. We will cautiously begin to discuss

just with Syria, but with other

countries - [and an sgreement]

matters related to the security and water arrangements. I believe the next round of talks at Wye Plantation will be fruitful," Peres said, adding that Israel and the US are working to establish an international aligoment to

accused Israeli officials of launching a "coordinated campaign aimed at distorting Syria's position" at the talks after US officials spoke about progress in the Syrian-Israeli negotiations, Reu-

"The Israeli campaign is an attenior to put new obstacles on the way of any possible progress to push the peace process forward," the paper said. It said Damascus had offered Israel full peace in return for full withdrawal from the occupied Syrian lands, while Israel has given no tangible offer.



Prime Minister Shimon Peres greets US Vice President Al Gore on his arrival yesterday. (AP)

# Gore envisions peace, security

LIAT COLLINS

Gazit: Transition to PA

control has been lucky

Hizbullah in order to restrain its forces in southern Lebanon.

Bomb wounds SLA man

**DAVID RUDGE and news agencies** 

Dutch PM to sign economic accords in Jerusalem

HOLLAND and Israel will today sign joint economic agreements

wheo Dutch Prime Minister Wim Kok meets with Prime Minister

Shimon Peres in Jerusalem. Kok, accompanied by his foreign minister,

Hans van' Micrio, arrived here yesterday from Jordan and Syria for a

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at the Kiryat Shaul cemetery, Har Tamir section,

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The family

SLA commander Geo. Antoine Lahad said in an interview published yesterday that Israel has assured him that an agreement with Lebanon will include provisions to protect his men.

These include the abrogation of all judicial proceedings and rulings against the inhabitants of the security zone and SLA elemeots," he told Beirut's indepeodent An-Nahar, It said the interview was conducted hefore a Beirut military magistrate issued a summons to Lahad Saturday to answer charges of high treason. Batsheva Tsur contributed to this

THE handover to the Palestinian Authority has been surprisingly smooth, but future terror attacks can be expected, former OC Intelligence Shlomo Gazit told the Labor Knesset faction yesterday, in a review of the implementation of Oslo 2.

'We've been lucky because [aithough] there have been attacks, they have resulted in light injuries," Gazit said. But he warned that attacks are likely to continue and "statistically, not all will end (this way)."

Gazit said the easy transition has called for a boycott.

could in part be explained by the feeling of euphoria among the Palestinians. He called Yasser Arafat their "only unchallenged, accepted [leader]."

Although the Palestinians are making an effort to stop terror, they are unlikely to answer Israel's calls to hand over murder suspects and are thus violating agreements, Gazit said.

Regarding the elections, sched-. uled for Saturday, Gazit said the expected high turnout will be a slap in the face for Hamas, which

#### mined to support the peace efforts and Israel. "We'll stand Palestinians in Ashkelon with you. We'll not be dannted as together we build a world dedicated to peace,"

Prime: Minister Shimon Peres, who greeted Gore, said that Israel's puipese is "to put an end once and for all to a state of war

Prisons Authority spokesman Palestinian prisoners at Ashke-

ion Prison were also eating food they refused prison meals, ac-

"In normal circumstances, 24 hours after a prisoner has de- ?

rity sources said.

### and to replace it with peace and

BATSHEVA TSUR

ning with a message of hope for prosperity throughout the region. peace and a promise of security Peace is a free choice, a-moral preference for us." The peoples of the Middle East

"The vice president is here to express the depth of the US commitment to the security of Israel," Gore's spokeswoman Peggy Withide told The Jerujalem Post last night. But she refused to elaborate on specific issues which would be raised.

Wilhide added that Gore also would like to refresh his working ties with Peres and get to know Foreign Minister Eind Barak

The working will start early this morning when Gore confers with Peres at the Prime Minister's Office. Later, he will meet with Barak. A scheduled meeting with Liked leader Binyamin Ne-

ly because Gore was able to spare only 10 minutes, Israel Radio reported. Gore began his two-day visit,

his second since assuming office, with a private call on Leah Rabin. He will visit the grave of Yitzhak Rabin today. Stringent security measures are being enforced in the capital for

the visit, and Jerusalemites can expect traffic hold-ups today, as roads are closed from time to time. Mt. Herzl will be closed to the public as of 7 a.m. Before returning to Washing-

ton, Gore will meet with PA head Yasser Arafat in Jericho, as well as with Palestinian businessmen, Wilhide said.

Last night, Peres hosted a festive dimer in Gore's honor at the

## Israeli Arabs to guard PA poll in capital Meanwhile, posters aimed at

prevent them from trying to get UNARMED Israeli Arab guards, instead of policemen, are to be stationed at the eastern Jeing stations, so as not to provoke the Palestinian voters oo

.US Vice President Al Gore ar-

rived from Egypt yesterday eve-

hear the people of Israel sing in

one resounding voice, 'Our hope is not yet lost,' '' Gore said, quot-

ing from the national anthem in

Hebrew, at the airport welcom-

ing ceremony. "They see here \_...

that peace and understanding are

He added that the US is deter-

for Israel.

on the march."

Jerusalem police have agreed to "keep their distance" from the five post offices where Palestinian Jerusalemites will vote, secu-

Yesterday, senior police, the General Security Service, and IDF officials met to finalize plans for securing the elections.

"We understand the sensitivity which surround the voting to Je-

rusalem," one source said. The police and Postal Authority have already contracted a security company that employs Israeli Arab guards to help with crowd cootrol and other safety

matters at the post offices.

The major with is for unrest away from participating io the

according to the sources. Right-wing groups plan protests in the capital Saturday, cul-minating in a large rally, against

Jerusalemites being allowed to participate in the election. Police will not allow the protesters near the post offices being used for the elections, even though the offices are officially open to the general

public, the sources said. "The roads around the post offices will be closed to traffic, and large police contingents stationed to keep protesters far away," a

source said Some 2,000 policemen from districts all over the country are to be brought to the capital over the weekend, according to the

Likud symbol, were discovered this morning in eastern Jerusalem. The posters warned Jerusalem Palestinians that if they voted, they would lose their Israeli residency IDs and social beoefits. Right-wing groups plan pro-

scaring Jerusalem Palestioians

tests in the capital Saturday, culminating in a large rally, against Jerusalemites being allowed to participate in the election. A police spokeswoman said the

posters were discovered near the American Colony hotel.

Dani Danon, a Young Likud candidate in whose name the poster was signed, said, "This is only the beginning of the struggle. We will do all we can to disrupt the elections in eastern Jerusalem that endanger the status of the capital."

## Elected reps to join PNC on March 20

elected council will join the Palestinian National Cooncil on March 30, PNC Speaker Salim Zaanoun said yesterday in Gaza That date is approximately that

by which Israel expects the PNC will cancel the clauses in the Palestinian Covenant referring to the destruction of Israel. This is supposed to happen within two months after the elected council convenes.

However, from Zaaooun's point of view the elected members do not start functioning as a Council until they join the PNC.
Zaanoun said "the 88 will be

added to 540 existing members making 628." The mathematics makes the likelihood of achieving a two-thirds majority for annul-ling of the offending clauses highly unlikely.

Last week, PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath said the 88 elected members, plus 100 leading vote-getters among the losers, will replace many of the PNC's 450 members (according to his count), making local Palestinians close to half the membership.

Zaaooun deoied Shaath's assessment that the covenant calls for 50% of the PNC membership to be from "ioside Palestine," once Palestinian rule is established there:

He said it remained to be decided whether the PNC would convene inside or outside Palestinian territory, and its first task would be "to change some of the Israeli laws which Palestinians

JON IMMANUEL are suffering from," rather than

change the covenant. PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, who has been pressing for admission of PNC members to Gaza, has said a PNC meeting in Gaza would be more likely to cancel the covenant than a meeting abroad

Meanwhile, Samiha Khalil, who is running against Arafat for the presidency, completed a three-day tour of the Gaza Strip yesterday, addressing fewer than 80 people at a youth club in Jabalya, Gaza'a largest refugee camp with 60,000 people.

Amid laughter, she was asked "You are running for election because you oppose Oslo, but since you are running and not boycotting elections, you must support Oslo. So which is it?"

She replied that "Oslo was a big mistake and I want to fix it. Do you not allow me the right to change it?"

Khalil proposed postponlog the elections "until Israel hands over the collaborator Kamal Hamad," the Gaza cootractor alleged to have helped assassinate bomb-maker Yihye Ayyash.

In another development, Maj.-Gen. Nasser Yusef, director of public security, said that Israel had agreed "to get out of Palestinian-populated areas in Hebron for a day and go into the Jewish settlements there."

His comment to Peace Watch election observers contradicted Maj. Gen. Oren Shahor, government coordinator in the territories, who said Sunday that IDF troops will remain where they are, but "because it is Saturday. they will not be on regular

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# Prison declare hunger strike PALESTINIAN inmates at Ash-

kelon Prison yesterday declared a hunger strike in solidarity with the 28 female Palestinian prisoners on hunger strike for a week at Sharon Prison. The female prisoners are de-

anding five of their comrades be set free. The government refuses to release them because they have killed Jews in terror attacks. The prisoners, who say they will only leave the prisoo as a group, have barricaded themselves into two cells at the prison.

Moshe Malul said the female prisoners had food and water in their cells, and were seen eating and drinking by the prison staff.

they had in their cells, although cording to Malul.

clared a hunger strike, we republicity for a hunger strike they are really not keeping," Malul However, in the case of the

Palestinian inmates, prison officials are waiting before removing. food from the cells, "because of the sensitivity of the situation;" Meanwhile, 115 Palestinian

prisoners were freed yesterday in a final round of releases before Palestinian elections scheduled for Saturday. Most of them were convicted of common crimes. rather than security violations, said Malul

The releases brought to 1.200 the number of Palestinians freed over the past five days.

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Labor Party Knesset faction head Ra'anan Cohen meets with Tsomet Party leader Rafael Eitan yesterday to discuss Tsomet's bill to

# Tsomet to go ahead with bill calling for early elections

THE Labor Party's Knesset faction yesterday failed to persuade Tsomet to rescind its hill to disperse the Knesset and hold early elections. The bill is scheduled to come up for preliminary reading On Wednesday.

If it fails, as seems likely, no similar bill can be raised for six

Lahor faction chairmao Ra'anan Cohen yesterday met with Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan and asked him to postpone raising the bill for another two or

By that time Lahor should have decided its stand on the is-

the meeting.

forward to June.

Tsomet rejected the request. "I heard no sufficiently good rea-

Soldiers will vote

in party primaries

**EVELYN GORDON** 

son to hold off," Eitan said after Tsomet officials stressed that the decision to submit the hill follows talk by both Labor and Likud nn bringing the elections

"We simply decided that there had heen conugh talk and we would call the bluff by picking up the gauntlet," a Tsomet spokes-

Lsbor MKs and Third Way members Avigdor Kahalani and

the support of the coalition it will Both Prime Minister Shimoo

Peres and Foreign Minister Ehud Barak yesterday said it would be a mistake to link the timing of the elections with the peace negotiations with Svria or to expedite the elections.

Barak said it would give Syria added leverage over Israel.

Deputy Foreign Minister Eli Dayan, on the other hand, said he favors early elections so "the government can present its achievements so far for public approval and receive a mandate for

# Office, car, and driver for Leah Rabin okayed

THE state will pay for an office, secretary, ear, and driver for Leah Rabin, after the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved the expenditure. Likud MKs absected themselves from

the vote in protest. According to the committee's decision, the widow of any prime minister who "died during his term of office under exceptional circumstances" will be eligible for a car and driver, an office, and a secretary for three years, as long as the office and secretary do not cost more than NIS 300,000 a

year. According to Treasury esti-mates, the total package for Leah Rahin will cost some NIS 1.5

Likud MKs boycotted the vote because they charged that this decision forces the taxpayer to fund Leah Rabin's highly partisan po-litical activity. While Rahio should be given some assistance in dealing with the flood of condolence cards and calls since her hushand's death, they said, the proper way to do this would be to set op some kind of institution to

lar to Yad Ben-Zvi (set up to memorialize president Yitzhak Ben-Zvi). Leah Rabin could then get funding through this institution, they said.

Rabin has already received offers of private funding, but, according to eahinet secretary Shmuel Hollander, she considers it more dignified to be funded by the public purse.

The political activity of the prime minister's widow should be

He noted that Rabin has said she would use her funding not just 10 answer condolences, but also to crusade for her husband's visioo of the peace process which is a sobject of public

Dan Tichon (Likud) pointed out that if the purpose of the funding is really just to answer condolence cards, a year should be sufficient, because by then the flood should have died down.

Finance Committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor) charged in

respoose that it is the Likud tion, and not Leah Rabin's virulent attacks against the Likud, religious Jews, and settlers.

Likud MKs said they did not intend to fight the allocation in the courts, however, since the phrasing approved by the committee solved the legal problem originally pointed out hy committee legal adviser Anna Schneider. Schneider had said that an allocation just to Leah Rabin, rather than to anyone in similar circum-

#### low soldiers to vote in party primaries, if the parties agree to some mechanism whereby the voting will not reveal soldiers' po-

kud primaries.

litical affiliations. The army made this promise, which is a reversal of current policy, in response to a petition to the High Court of Justice by Mor Shamgar, a candidate in the Li-

THE IDF yesterday agreed to al-

Shamgar had argued that since soldiers are allowed to be party members and even attend political conventions, they should be allowed to vote in primaries as

However, the army refused to accede to Shamgar's demand that soldiers be granted leave to go vote in the primaries. Government attorney Uzi Fogelman ex-

plained that because each party has its primary on a different date, it would be too easy to determine which party a soldier belongs to by the date on which he requests leave. One solution which the army

woold accept, Fogelman said, would be for soldiers to send in their primary ballots by mail from their houses. If the various parties would prefer a different method, they can suhmit their ideas to the army, which will approve any method that prevents identification of the soldier's party membership, he said.

In light of the army's promise, Justices Aharoo Barak, Shlomo Levine and Dalia Dorner rejected the petition, saying there was oo further oeed for their

## ICA denies radio report on vaccine

for melanoma JUDY SIEGEL

THE Israel Cancer Association and Soroka Hospital were distressed by Israel Radio's misleading report about the development. of a vaccine against malignant melanoma, the most dangerous. type of skin cancer. The report was broadcast several times yesterday, and induced dozens of patients to call the radio and the hospitals involved and beg for the

The ICA stated that the substance is not a vaccine, but an experimental immunological substance that seems to help some people fight off cancer cells, but does not prevent people from developing melanoma. While the substance's ability to cause some : metastases of melanoma to recede in some patients is "encouraging," said the ICA, it is only very preliminary work on a small oumber of patients.

According to reporter radio re-porter Ofra Nehmad, the "vaccine" caused metastases of melanoma to recede in about half the patients tested at Soroka Hospital in Beersheba and the Rabin Medical Ceoter-Beilinson campus in Petah Tikva. The snhstance was produced by genetic

engineering. The work was dooe by Dr. Ya'acov Schachter of Beilinson's nncology department, Dr. Aliza Adler of Beilinson, Dr. Yigal Kedar of Soroka and Prof. Yehezkel Barenholtz, of the Hehrew University-Hadassah Medical School. It was published recently in the journal Cancer Biotherapy.

#### funded by the Labor Party," said

THE party registrar would have the tools to prevent people from joining two different parties, if a hill approved by the Knesset Law Committee for first reading yesterday is passed.

At present, though it is illegal to register for more than one party, there is no way to prevent this

Bill would stop practice of multi-party membership

mittee yesterday, however, requires all parties to send a list of their memhers' identity eard numbers, without names, to the -party registrar.

The registrar will then compare the lists, and if a number appears. from happening.

On more than one list, the bill approved by the comon more than one list, the regis-

The voter will have a fixed amount of time during which he can submit a notarized affidavit to the registrar saying his double registry was an error, and telling the registrar to which party he

really wants to belong. The registrar will then notify the party from which the voter

If the voter does not submit such an affidavit, he will be disqualified from voting in the primaries of both parties.

The hill was submitted by Knesset Fioaoce Committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Lahor) and the head of the opposition in the committee, Dan Tichon

ing some of those involved in that

Finally, Ben-Eliezer bought a

fourth apartment in Tel Aviv at

## Municipal services close in towns and villages for 24-hour protest strike

DAVID RUDGE

MUNICIPAL services io most towns and villages throughout the country were shut down yesterday as a result of a strike called by the Union of Local Authorities (ULA) to protest against budget

Council offices were closed and there was no garbage collection in most parts of the country. In Tel Aviv, which did not participate in the strike, all services operated as usual.

ULA chairman Adi Eldar said the 24-hour stoppage yesterday and the demonstration by council heads in Jerusalem Sunday were warning measures."

'Most of the municipalities and conoeils throughout the country were on strike, although s few did oot join in the strike heads," said Eldar.

because of various considerations of their mayors and conneil He stressed that the council heads were concerned over cuts made in regular budgets last year and further redoctions proposed hy Fioance Mioister Avraham Shohat for this year. "We are not pressing for an

increase in hudgets, but for the government to honor commitments made to the local authorities in 1994-95," said Eldar. He charged that the cutbacks

would remove a total of over NIS 400 million from the regular budgets of the municipalities and local councils. This, st a time when many are already in dire financial straits and incurring additional expenses, incloding the funding of guards at schools.

"We have agreed to the request of the interior minister not to take any further action until February 5: If, however, we don't receive a clear answer by then we will consider further measures."

#### around the same time, which he sold them some 21/2 years later, also sold in 1985. Again, he reagain without reporting the deal It is also not clear whether ported oeither the purchase nor

Non-partisan movement seeks investigation of Ben-Eliezer

EVELYN GORDON

THE police and the State Attorney's Office should investigate Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer oo five different charges, the Movement for Quality Government in Israel demanded in s pention to the High Court of Justice yesterday.
One incident involved Beo-

Eliezer's management of a firm to market Daihatsu automohiles in 1983-4. Beo-Eliezer's firm had an exclusive franchise to market Daihatsus in the territories. However, since he was also serving at that time as head of the civil administration in the territories, the possibility arose that he could have abused his army powers to further his husiness interests, the movement said. As such, holding

these two jobs simultaneously appears to constitute a criminal confliet of interest, the petition

Ben-Eliezer had the occessary permit from the army for outside work, the petition said. The movement filed a com-

plaint with Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair about two years ago, but in September, Ben-Yair responded that after completing a preliminary inquiry, he saw no reasoo to order a full police investigation.

The other incidents all involved tax evasion. In 1983, Ben-Eliezer bought three apartments in Tel Aviv, without reporting the deal to the tax authorities and paying the necessary taxes. He to the tax authorities. Ben-Yair ordered Ben-Eliezer to pay NIS 63,000 - meant to cover back taxes, interest, linkage and a fine - hut said he saw oo reasoo for

gued that Ben-Yair reached this decision without even questioning key witnesses. Furthermore, it said, the decision oot to file charges against Ben-Eliezer discriminated against others sus-

criminal proceedings. However, the movement ar-

pected of similar crimes, includ-

the sale until seven years later, when he finally paid his back taxes. In this case, he was not even Ben-Eliezer's stature as a minister, the petition argued, mandated that he be held to the strictest standard.

same deal.

The movement added that shortly after Ben-Yair issued his decision, it ohtained additional documents signed hy Ben-Eliezer which appeared to iodicate

wrongdoing in the tax cases.

### Bert Goldstein: Zionist 'character' in the best sense of the word

the best sense of the word," Stanford University Prof. Avrsm Goldstein said yesterday at the funeral of his mother, Bert Goldstein, who died last weekend at the age of 100.

sihlings who went to college.

During her last year at Hunter College, she met Israel Goldstein, a young man studying for wed, and each went oo to do great things. He became one of Na'amat. the great Zionist leaders of

gree, became a national hoard member of the JNF, and in 1947 was elected the first national the rahhinate. They were soon president of Pioneer Women of America, the foreroocer of After her husband's death in

America. She earned a law de- 1986 - they had been married for

68 years - she continued her involvement with academic institutions, the AACI, the Sophie Udin group of Na amat, the Moreshet Israel Coogregation, the Israel Goldstein Youth Village, and oth-

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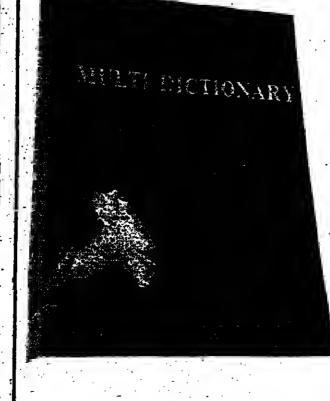
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# Supreme Court begins hearing Elba appeal

SEVEN Supreme Court justices yesterday began hearing an appeal by Ido Elba, who was convicted of incitement to racism for writing a halachic article implying it is permissible to kill

Elba, who was also convicted of attempting to ohtain and manufacture illegal weapons, seeking information about a restricted area, and obstructing justice, was sentenced to two years in prison. He has already served more than two-thirds of his sentence, but was denied parole.

The article in question said that while killing non-Jewish residents of Israel is prohibited by the Torah, this prohibition does not hold today, when there is no Temple.

Attorney Naftali Werzberger, representing Elba, argued that to put a man in prison for an academic article would throttle halachic research. Scholars will not want to write if they fear that

**EVELYN GORDON** 

stood positions will land them in iail, he said.

"Academic freedom also includes halachic research," Werzberger said, noting that relations between Jews and non-Jews have always been a topic of deep interest to balachic scholars. A list compiled by Prof. Nahum Rackover of the Justice Ministry included some 350 recent articles on the topic, including 20 on the subject of the legality of killing a

Justices Abaron Barak, Gavriel Bach, Eliezer Goldberg, Eliahn Mazza, Zvi Tal, Dalia Dorner, and Ya'acov Terkel agreed that such articles are not inherently illegal. However, they said, the law explicitly states that even quotations from Jewish sources can be illegal if they are brought np for the purpose of

inciting.
In this case, the fact that Elba

group of Kiryat Arba residents immediately after the Hebron massacre could be construed as legitimizing Baruch Goldstein's act, and thereby inciting to additional acts of racism, they

Werzberger argued in response that incitement requires a call to action, which Elba's article did not contain. In fact, it was subtitled "For study, and not for action."

Werzberger also argued that a person cannot be convicted of incitement unless there is a clear and present danger that his words will lead to actions. However, government attorney Nava Ben-Or argued that this restriction only exists in the US, where freedom of speech is a constitutional right. In Israel and all the European countries, she said, the balance is weighted more towards preventing racist

Ben-Or will continue her argu-

## State to appeal release of data on administrative detainee

JERUSALEM District Court yesterday gave the state attorney 48-hours to appeal its decision to declassify information relating to the administrative detention of Jerusalemite Aryeh Friedman,

Friedman, a rabbinical court lawyer, was arrested at his home on Thursday and told he was being placed under administrative detention for three months.

Since Friedman lives in Jerusalem, however, his case had to come for review before the dis-

trict court. Court President Vardimos Zailer, in a closed-door hearing, ruled that some of the evidence in the case should be

According to Friedman's lawver. Mordechai Mitzner, the state attorney representing the General Security Service asked Zailer to delay releasing the information pending appeal. Zailer consented, and another hearing

Mitzner said that Friedman, who moved to Jerusalem from Kirvat Arba about six weeks ago, was questioned twice before for "extremist statements."

According to Mitzner, Friedman was questioned in September, and again following the Rabin assassination. Mitzner said that in the second interrogation session his client was asked to become a GSS informant and

## Court to IDF: Explain order limiting Hebron man's movement

**EVELYN GORDON** 

IN a rare move, the High Court of Justice yesterday issued a show-cause order against an ad-ministrative order limiting the movements of Hebron resident David Shirel.

Justice Zvi Tal gave the army 21 days to justify the order, which forbids Shirel to leave his home in Tel Rumeida for three months. The order is due to expire on February 9.

Shirel, who petitioned the court yesterday, also asked for an interim injunction allowing him to travel to Jerusalem until a final decision is made. The court will consider this request on Friday. Shirel originally appealed the

order to the army's appeals committee, which decided that be should be allowed to go to Jerusalem - something he needs to do occasionally for work purposes. Since this decision, the army has twice agreed to let him do so, but conditioned its permission on an okay from Hebron police chief Ya'acov Ish-Yemini. Both times, however, Ish-Yemini has refused.

Shirel's attorney, Naftali Werzberger, argued the army has no authority to delegate the deci-sion to Ish-Yemini, since only the army can issue administrative orders. Furthermore, he said, the army is violating the ruling of its own appeals committee.

The order was issued because the army fears confrontation between Shirel and Arah residents of the region. Shirel has allegedly been involved in confrontations before, though never convicted, and an indictment against him for stone-throwing is now pending in Jerusalem Magistrate's Court.



Hebrew University-Hadassah medical student Oded Schweirman is congratulated yesterday by Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny on receiving one of the first 40 scholarships of the Abu Ghosh Fund, as (from left) Deputy Health Minister Nawaf Massalha, MK Sallah Tarif, and fund founder Jawdat Ibrahim look on. Ibrahim established the fund in gratitude for his brother's treatment at Hadassah Hospital.

## **Ariel Sharon:** Peres, Shamir 'handed over' Pollard to US

LIAT COLLINS

MK Ariel Sharon (Likud) yesterday accused the 1984 national unity government of "handing over" Jonathan Pollard to the US to face espionage charges by re-fusing to accept responsibility for

Sharon said he had told thenprime minister Shimon Peres and foreign minister Yitzhak Shamir not to submit documents that could incriminate Pollard.

Shamir had told him at the time; "A country needs to know how to sacrifice a person," Sharon told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

Sharon also accused successive governments of not making a serious effort to obtain Pollard's

The handling of the Pollard affair was fundamentally mistaken. Even though I am not personally connected with the subject, I had told Peres and Shamir that in my opinion Israel must apologize for what happened and ensure that it not recur. The investigation should not have been allowed to be carried out and documents in our possession not handed over. [I said] if we accept the US's demands we are dooming Pollard to a life sentence,"

## Weizman: I won't speak of forgiveness

ABRAHAM RABINOVICH and agencies

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman said yesterday that he had no intention of speaking of forgiveness when he addresses the Bundestag today.

"I don't have the right to forgive them for the terrible disaster that happened to the Jewish peo-ple," Weizman told reporters after arriving in Boun on the second day of his state visit to

He conferred in Bonn with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl on the Middle East peace process and bilateral relations and met with Jewish leaders.

Weizman met earlier with surviving members of the German resistance in Berlin and laid a wreath at Ploetzensee Prison, where the Nazis executed some 2,500 resistance fighters from Germany and abroad between 1933 and 1945.

Weizman, accompanied by German President Roman Herzog and Berlin Mayor Eberhard Diepgen, stood silently in a stark chamber lined at one end with meat hooks, from which Hitler's enemies were hanged. Many of the plotters who tried to assassinate Adolf Hitler on July 20, 1944 died in that

In a program specially arranged by Herzog, Weiz-

man then broke a political taboo by meeting aging German resistance figures behind closed doors. Eberhard Baethke, a participant who was close to

executed resistance theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, marveled at the fact that an Israeli president.would visit the site. "This is something that was rejected by the Israe-

lis before, for many understandable reasons, be-cause there were a lot of antisemites among resistance figures," he told German radio. There is no stronger proof that things have

changed and we have started a positive dialogue than this visit here today," he added. "It is an extraordinarily moving event that I would take part in such a thing at my advanced age."

Ludwig von Hammerstein, a member of the

group that injured but did not kill Hitler with a time bomh planted in his "Wolf's Lair" hideaway, was also impressed at the unprecedented meeting.

"There is no question that it was moving to hear the president of Israel at this spot, to hold talks with him," he told German radio afterwards.

The Red Army liberated the prison in April 1945. It opened as a monument to the resistance in 1952.

## Olmert scraps capital's lights-out plan

THE street lights were to stay on last night in Jerusalem, after a public outcry over their being turned off in many neighborhoods late Sunday night to save the financially strapped city

Yesterday, Mayor Ehud Olmert scrapped the plan to turn off the lights at 1 a.m., which would have saved the city some NIS 3 million a year, a city spokeswomBILL HUTMAN

The plan was part of a series of budget-cutting measures implemented this year. Cuts in other areas, such as education and welfare programs, are only now beginning to be felt.

Delivery persons and early morning commuters complained yesterday that the lack of street lights made walking and driving

There were also reports of police concern that criminals would take advantage of the darkness in

many neighborhoods. The blackout was planned to effect all neighborhoods except those in sensitive areas, such as Neveh Ya'acov and the Old City.

Olmert ordered the city manager to find other areas to make budget cuts that would make up for the money spent on street

# Prisoner row threatens Bosnia peace deadline

A key deadline in the Dayton peace accord came under threat yesterday when Bosnia's Moslem-led government refused to release Serb prisoners of war un-less 4,000 Moslems are freed.

International Red Cross (ICRC) officials said plans to free hundreds of Moslem, Serb and Croat prisoners still held from the 3½-year conflict had been halted by the government's action.

"The Bosnians say they are not going to comply," said the ICRC's Jacques de Maio in Sarajevo.
"We can only regret they didn't

follow our plan which allowed for the comprehensive release of prisoners, which was an important step for building confidence."

The Dayton peace plan de-mands that all sides release their prisoners by Friday. The Bosnian Croats and separatist Serbs had moved to release their prisoners yesterday, de Maio said. But Amir Masovic, head of the

the Bosnian government's prisoner exchange committee, de-clared: "They (ICRC) shouldn't have expected us to go ahead with this."

He said the Serbs had offered to free only 200 Moslems. There would be no release of Serbs unless 4,000 Moslems were freed. Masovic said the figure of SARAJEVO.

4,000 was separate from the 24,000 Moslems the government says are missing. Most of the 24,000 are feared dead.

The government's threat to breach one of the Dayton deadlines presents NATO, in Bosnia to implement the peace deal, with a thomy problem. Heavy pressure is likely to be applied to the govern-

ment to have it swiftly comply.

NATO and international mediators are meanwhile scrambling to plug a dangerous gap in the timetable for Bosnian peace - a potential six-week power vacuum in areas to be transferred from

one faction to another. Between Fehruary 3rd and March 20th there could be no recognized security authority in areas, like Serb Sarajevo, due to

change hands. In the tense Serb-held suburbs of Sarajevo, Serb forces must disband or leave, but Moslem-led government police and soldiers cannot move in for six weeks.

"There is a gap, a big gap," said one United Nations source who said there were worries trouhlemakers could prey on the fears of the population to destabilize

the handover process in its delicate interim stage.

The desperate rush by Sarajevo Serbs to ferry out their belongings before their areas revert to government control continued unabated yesterday.

The narrow road leading from Serb-held suburbs up Mount Trebevic was jammed with dilapidated trucks, cars and tractors piled with chairs, tables, bedding and other household items.

Serbs are paying as much as 1,000 German marks (NIS2,100) to hire a truck for a day. "Some people are getting rich from this exodus," said one official.

UN spokesman Alexander Ivanko said units of the marmed UN international police started patrols yesterday in Ilidza, one of the city's Serb-held suburbs, in an operation intended to give Serbs the confidence to stay on rather than flee.

Carl Bildt, who is coordinating the civilian peace effort in Bosnia, said yesterday it would be extremely difficult to meet a September deadline for elections there, but stressed the international community had no choice

but to meet the deadline. "If we can't, the whole peace process will be jeopardized," he

# Indonesian rebels free 1 hostage

JAKARTA (Reuter) - Separatist rebels in Indonesia's remote Irian Jaya province temporarily released one of seven European hostages yesterday to convey their demands, an armed forces spokesman said.

Sources close to the rescue operation, now in its second week, said German Frank Momberg was still in Wamena town more than five hours after arriving. It was not clear whether he would be going back into the dense jungle.
"He has not gone back yet and I don't know when

he will. That is a point of negotiation," a source said in Jakarta after nightfall in Irian Jaya, but gave no

Earlier, the official Antara news agency quoted military spokesman Brigadier-General Suwarno Adiwijoyo as saying Momberg would have to return to the rebel camp in Irian Jaya, Indonesia's half of New Guinea island some 4,000 km east of Jakarta. "Momberg was lent by the rebels after they re-

ceived food and medicine from the military this morning," Antara quoted Suwarno as saying. "He was asked to explain the various matters regarding the demands by the hostages. After that, he has to return to the hostage site."

The sources close to the rescue operation said

Momberg's temporary release was a positive

"It can only be seen as a positive development hut we should not leap too quickly to the conclusion that we are near the end. These things can take a very long time," one source said.

It was not clear when Momberg, a member of the Geneva-based World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), had been told by the rebels to return.

Momberg was released after three Christian missionaries flew by helicopter to an area where the hostages were being held near Mapunduma, 2,700 meters above sea level and 160 km from Wamena, Irian Jaya military spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Manind Hidayat said.

"German Frank Momberg was handed over to the missionaries by the rebels. He is now in Wa-

mena for a medical check-up," he said.

Guerrillas of the Free Papua Movement, or OPM, took 24 hostages – seven of them Europeans – on January 8 in Mapunduma, 300 km from the Papua New Guinea border.

The other hostages include four Cambridge University graduates - Daniel Start, William Oates, Annette van der Kolk and Anna McIvor - and a Durch WWF member, Mark van der Wal.

Dutch UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) staffer Martha Klein also was taken.

## Study: More younger brothers are gay

NEW YORK (AP) - The more boys a mother has produced, the greater the chance that the next

son will be gay, a study says. The reason might involve the mother's immune system acting on the developing male fetus, re-searchers speculated. Or, they said, it could be a psychological effect un a boy of growing up with older brothers.

Several earlier studies found that gay men tended to have more previously born siblings than heterosexual men did. The new study says this effect comes only from brothers, not sisters.

Psychologist Ray Blanchard reported the work in the January issue of the American Journal of Psychiatry with Anthony Bogaert.

## Marcos talks draw protests

HONG KONG (Reuter) - Philippine human rights victims accused their own lawyer of treachery during talks in Hong Kong yesterday to decide claims to the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos'

Brandishing placards which said "Marcos is liable for gross human rights violation." and "No to dropping of charges against Imelda Marcos", the 30-odd demonstrators also protested against holding the talks in Hong

Kong rather than Manila.
"The presence of Attorney Robert Swift, lead counsel (for the victims grouping) in the Mar-cos human rights litigation, will be his final act of treachery," a statement distributed by the

demonstrators said. Demonstrators from Samahan Ng Mga Ex-detainee Laban Sa Detensyon At Para Sa Amnestiya (SELDA), which represents 5,000 of an estimated 10,000 victims of abuse under Marcos-imposed martial law, and which filed the compensation claim, oppose a deal reached by Swift with

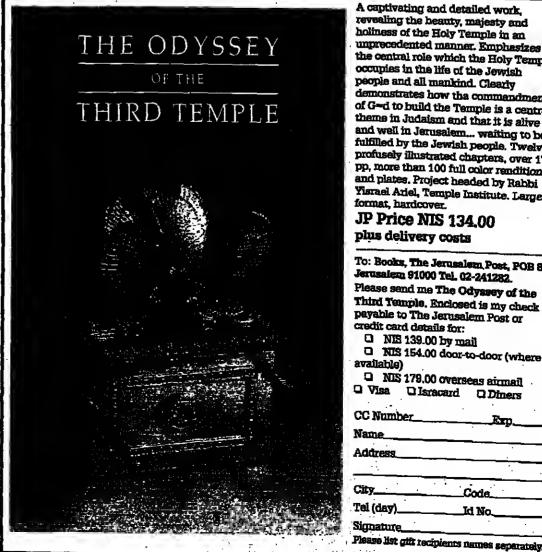
the Philippine government.

The deal is for an out-of-court financial settlement which clears the way for the government's own claim to the Marcos' billions.

SELDA was particularly angered as the deal involved charges being dropped against the Marcos family, including Imelda Marcos, wife of the late dictator.

"There should be no sell-out in these talks," said Marie Hilao Enriquez, secretary general of SELDA. "Marcos is guilty...he must be held liable for these

The protesters were demonstrating in front of a hotel where a spokesman for the negotiators announced a news blackout at the end of the first day of talks. The talks themselves were held at a secret location.



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first day a month ago.

cutors claim he had \$295 million in property and secret bank ac-

counts - but planned to use it for

"something big" for the nation. He did not say what it was. But as Presiding Judge Kim

Young-il prepared to close for the day, lead prosecutor Moon

Young-ho asked to cross-exam-

ine Roh and the steady stream of

businessmen who testified they

gave money to stay in the govern-

ment's good graces.

The judge agreed, and Roh was questioned for 10 minutes at

the plastic defense bench where

be had sat almost motionless ear-

\$365 million in bribes in exchange

for major government projects.
The case has been in recess since
the opening day Dec. 18. The

Security was tight as Roh, a 63-

Hundreds of people - many of

year-old former army general, ar-

rived for the most significant trial

them scalpers - stood in line overnight in freezing weather for

the 80 seats allotted to the pub-

name would oot work in isolation

and the nationalists, which lost

many conservative voters to the

rightist Freedom Front, needed

nues of how to get people of the same values together," he said.

"The party is looking at all ave-

The Afrikaan oewspaper Rap-

port said the party, which ruled

Sonth Africa for 50 years, was

about to break up and a new par-

ty with a new name would form.

ing document, the paper said the

NP planned to change its name

and structure and it said the par-

which hlacks were regarded as

The NP, a junior partner in

Mandela's unity government,

holds power in only one of South

Africa's nine post-apartheid provinces, the Western Cape,

where it was able to mobilize the

votes of people of mixed race in the April 1994 all-race polls.

The NP was restricted by its

role in government which pre-

vented it from being an effective

South African Deputy President

F.W. de Klerk said in a statement

the person who leaked the docu-

ment to Rapport "apparently en-

deavored to maliciously sabotage

a comprehensive and longer

term initiative on the National

National Party leader and

opposition, analysts said.

second-class citizens.

Quoting from a leaked work-

to examine itself.

m South Korean history.

next hearing is in two weeks.

Prosecutors claim Roh took

lier in the day.

South Africa's former

rulers look at future

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) - He said changing the party's

FORMER President Roh Taewoo, ordered to undergo crossexamination at his bribery trial, told a court in irritated tones yesterday that he had nothing to do with awarding contracts to husinessmen who gave him mooey.

"I have never, ever intended to accept any hribes," Roh said emphatically in response to a volley of questions from the lead prosecutnr. "I have received only donations. I have never swapped them for favors.

Roh's outburst came as the defense tried to score points by claiming that the \$650 million which flowed into Roh's office during his 1988-93 term represented only goodwill gifts, not bribes.

Attorneys for leading business.

Attorneys for leading businessmen said their clients thought their donations would be used tn help the poor and huild hospitals and old-age homes.

Standing trial with Roh are 14 industrialists and former government officials who served under him. They are charged with brib-ing him or helping him raise his slush fund.

Prosecutors were clearly miffed that several businessman changed the statements they had given dur-

ing investigation of the case.
"Do all the South Korean group heads have a habit of reversing their earlier remarks?" prosecutor Kim Jin-tae asked.

The presiding judge ruled the question was irrelevant, hnt Chung Tae-soo, the elderly chairman of the construction and steelmaking giant Hanbo, claimed he couldn't remember what he told prosecutors because they kept him awake for two nights.

Roh had refused earlier yesterday to give testimony beyond statements he made in the trial's

South Africa's former ruling Na-

tional Party (NP), which created

and decades later abandoned

apartheid, said vesterday it was

reviewing its future which could

ultimately lead to the creation of

can't do anything against the ANC." said NP spokesman

Danie du Plessis. echoing party

frustration about its inability to

significantly influence President

Nelson Mandela's African Na-

tional Congress (ANC) in the

Dn Piessis said a "coalition"

could include parties such as the

Zulu-hased Inkatha Freedom

Party (IFP) and the liberal Dem-

ocratic Party (DP). but so far dis-

cussions on such a move were

umbrella party later on...someth-

ing has to be done (to counter the

ANC)," he said, adding that

"people of color" had to be at-

tracted to the NP, or whatever it

The National Party's parlia-

mentary caucus was meeting in

Cape Town yesterday to discuss

the options, du Piessis said, rein-

forcing the party's weekend deni-

al nf a newspaper report suggest-ing it was nn the hrink of

"Any reports that the National

Party was going to disband are intally untrue," said du Plessis

and nn major npheavals were ex-

pected following the meeting. A

new name could be considered,

hnt an early decision was

"My view is it could lead to one

confined to the nationalists.

"The National Party on its own

a new umbrella party.

unity government.

became.

dissolution

gw galden



# Russian troops kill 60 rebels

RUSSIAN forces yesterday stormed a village where rebels held more than 100 hostages. While fighting still raged after dark, authorities said troops had killed 60 rebels, captured others and freed nine of the captives.

Interfax and Itar-Tass news agencies said the nine hostages had been brought out of Pervomaiskoye several hours after Russian troops stormed the village to end a six-day stand-off.

Interfax said Russian troops had four dead and 14 wounded.

Gunfire crackled and explosions could be heard every second when the attack began in the morning. Helicopter gunships rocketed the village, and artillery and mortar shells

Shell blasts lit up the village at nightfall, the only light oo a plain where power had been

The shells appeared to explode over nearby Sovietskaya and drift towards Pervomais-koye, where Chechen rebels were holed up with the hostages not far from the border with their bomeland.

Rebels responded with rounds from gre-

"It's really very dangerous out there," said a Russian conscript soldier at a checkpoint at

the edge of Pervomayskaya. Rockets hissed across flat, muddy fields still patched with snow and slammed into already blazing buildings. At the start of the assault, explosions sounded every second or two. Ma-

chine-gun fire drowned out conversation. "Look what they have done to such a peaceful place," said policeman Ali as he watched from a distance the attack on the village where be worked. "Different ethnic groups have lived here for generations. Now

Power appeared to have been cut in the area to keep up pressure on the rebels. White flashes and thick smoke poured from

the village, which was in flames. A rocket destroyed a school, where some of the hostages had been held. The ground shook in the nearby village of Sovetskaya.

Various reports put the number of hostages ty's leaders were willing to disat between 70 and 120, including women and Political analysts said the NP, children. Anatoly Zinevich, duty officer of which created and more than 40 the Interior Ministry in Moscow, said nine years later dismantled apartheid, hostages were freed. found itself shackled to a past in

There was no word on the fate of the rest. They had been guarded by rebels in village sians began an all-out assault at 9:00 a.m.

PERVOMAYSKAYA, Russia

homes, a mosque and the school.

There was intense hand-to-hand fighting inside the village. The Russians encountered fierce resistance from the rebels, who managed to knock out several Russian armored personnel carriers. The rebel fighters were estimated to number between 150 and 250. Two servicemen along with 60 rebels were killed in the fighting, Zinevich said. He said as many as 16 soldiers were wounded. President

Boris Yeltsin received constant updates on the assault. We want the terrorists punished, wiped out," Yeltsin said.

After months of inactivity with heart trouble, Yeltsin's direct involvement in the crisis appears to show he is back in command, but the attack could backfire if many uf the bostages perish.

Politicians lambasted Yeltsin and warned he could face bitter consequences. Candidates in the race to replace Yeltsin in a June election lined up with a human rights activist and parties which face their first session in the new parliament today to criticize the Kremlin's high-risk operation.

Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov, a likely presidential candidate, had nothing but scorn, blaming the crisis on "the president, the government and their ham-fisted

The consequences of the attack would be tragic for Russia and Yeltsin himself, Interfax quoted Zyuganov as saying.

In the Chechen capital Grozny, a violent explosion rocked a movie theater and rebel fighters there tried to attack various official buildings. All traffic was banned, to minimize rebel actions.

The attack on Pervomayskaya came on the sixth day of a tense standoff in the tiny village on hleak fields of the Russian republic of Dagestan, less than two km from Chechnya. Gen. Mikhail Barsukov, the head of the Federal Security Service, made contact with the rebels at 8:50 a.m. and gave them 10 minutes to come out holding white flags or face an attack, said Maj. Gen. Alexander Mikhailov, a security forces spokesman.

The rebels failed to appear, and the Rus-

In a statement, Barsukov said the rebels had started killing hostages Sunday and such

acts were no longer tolerable.
The captives killed were two Interior Ministry troops, Mikhailov said. ITAR-Tass, quoting unidentified security sources, said the rebels had shot six more Interior Ministry troops yesterday morning as well as six Dagestani elders who tried to organize talks.

"On the 14th of January at 4 p.m., the terrorists epened fire on federal troops and began to kill hostages. Because the federal powers cannot put np with this illegal act any longer, they have been obliged to resort to the use of force to free the hostages," said the statement, read by Mikhailov to reporters.

Alexander Zdanovich, deputy spokesman of the security service, told ITAR-Tass the attack was inevitable following the interception of rebel radio communication ordering the killing of the hostages.

A rebel spokesman, Movladi Udngov, denied the Chechens had killed any hostages, the Interfax oews agency reported.

The Russians were insisting the rebels free

the bostages and give up their arms, while the Chechens stood firm on demanding a guarantee of safe passage back to their breakaway

One woman from Pervomayskaya looked on in anguish as Russian forces hlasted her

"I spent 30 years building our home - our cattle, our clothes, and everything is there." said Suaybat Aliyeva, a 45-year-old nurse.

The rebels had seized up to 3,000 hostages last Tuesday in the Dagestani town of Kizlyar; at least 40 people were killed in fighting. The gunmen soon released most hostages and headed for Chechnya in buses, but were stopped by Russian forces at Pervomayskaya.

Barsukov and Interior Minister Anathly Kulikov arrived in Dagestan from Moscow on Sunday. Their arrival marked the most direct participation yet by the Kremlin, which had let Dagestani officials negotiate with the

Moscow sent troops into Chechnya in December 1994 to put down rebel leader Dzhokhar Dudayev's three-year drive for independence. Up to 30,000 people have died in the

Dudayev has said the rebels chose to raid Kizlyar because Russian military helicopters used its airfield to attack Chechnya.

## Lesotho king killed in car crash

MASERU, Lesotho (AP) - King Moshoeshoe II died in a car accident yesterday, less than two years after regaining the throne of this politically turbulent southern African nation.

South African diplomats confirmed the death of the constitudonal monarch, saying that al-though they had been officially informed hy the Lesotho government yesterday morning, no public announcement had been made hy the afternoun.

Lesnthn is surrounded hy-South Africa, and economically dependent on its huge neighbor. Gerhard Visser, South Africa's, ambassador to Lesotho, said Moshoeshoe had traveled in rural Lesothn to inspect his cattle and was returning to Maseru, the capital, early yesterday when the ac-cident occurred. The king's car left the road, overturned and rolled down an embankment,

er. Nn other cars were involved. Mnshoeshne's wife, Queen Mamnhatn Seeiso, was tn take over as regent until the Traditional College of Chiefs, a trihal body, named a successor, Visser said. He said he did not expect Moshoeshoe's death to shake Lesotho's three-year-old

killing Moshoeshoe and his driv-

**democracy**. "He was only a constitutional king in any case," Visser said.
"He had no say whatsoever in government.

Moshoeshoe, 57, had been on . and off the throne three times in. the waves of political unrest that have swept Lesotho since independence from Britain in 1966.

When he was deposed in 1989, ... Moshoeshoe's son Letsie III succeeded him. Moshoeshoe's last reinstatement, in 1994, was engineered by Sonth African President Nelsoo Mandela.

## Thai monk admits killing British woman

BANGKOK (AP) - A Buddhist monk, already imprisoned on rape charges, will face the death. penalty for the brutal murder of a young British woman, police said yesterday.

Police said Yodchat Suapoo, 21, confessed trying to rape Johanne Masheder, then pushing her down a 10-meter-deep hole in a cave and ... beating her to death with a rock.

The director-general of the Thai police, Gen. Pochana Boonyachinda, called the act "cruel. inhuman." He said it would damage Thailand's reputation and. warned foreign women nnt to stray alone into remote areas. ...

The now disrobed monk also. confessed to the Dec. 7 rape of ." Inge Holecek, a tourist who returned to her native Austria but will be asked to testify in Thailand.

Masheder was killed Dec. 10 near a Buddhist temple in Kanchanaburi, 110 km west of Bangkok, according to a police statement released at the press

## Portugal moves left in presidential poll

LISBON (Reuter) - The election of Socialist Jorge Sampaio as president underlines a sharp shift to the political left at a time when Portugal faces tough economic and social choices.

Sunday's vote also marked the end of an era. Sampaio's opponent, former conservative premier Anibal Cavaco Silva, announced his retirement from politics and veteran head of state Mario Soares left the political stage.

The Socialist Soares, who stands down after serving two consecutive five-year terms, and the fiercely free-market Cavaco Silva dominated Portuguese politics for over a decade.

As forecast by the polls, Sampaio comfortably took the presidency with 53.8 percent of the vote to his opponent's 46-2%.

It was the Socialist Party's second electoral triumph in three months. It won control of government in parliamentary elections last October that ended 10 years in opposition.

The election marked the first time that the Portuguese had chosen a new president and prime minister from the same party since democracy was established after the 1974 revolution ended decades of right-wing dictatorship.

The fact that he is the first president from the same party as the government makes Sampaio's role especially delicate," Vicente Jorge Silva, editor of the newspaper O Publico, wrote in an edito-

rial yesterday. Sampaio, 56-year-old former mayor of Lisbon, will have to oversee Portugal's struggle to meet tough economic goals for joining a single European Union currency by the end of the century. While it faces no immediate

threat, the Socialist government of Prime Minister Antonio Guterres is a few votes short of an absolute majnrity and cannot simply drive its legislation through parliament. The backing of a fellow-Social-

ist president, who has the power to dissolve parliament and call general elections, could be vital to the government as it prepares to implement painful spending cuts to try to meet the EU's convergence criteria for economic and monetary union.

But Sampaio was quick to say: "I will be above party politics. I will be a symbol of unity for those that voted for me and for those that did not." He said he would be quite pre-

pared to veto legislation but forward by his Socialist colleagues if he considered it to be against the national interest. Once considered a left-winger,

Sampaio is now solidly in favor of the European Unioo and says unemployment will be his main

His deep concern for social issues could yet make him an uncomfortable presence for the Socialists as they struggle to match electoral promises with the tough reality of the European Union and Portugal's future place in it. Pulitical analysts said the vote

reinforced the message voters sent when they turned their backs on Cavaco Silva's Social Democrats at the October election.

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#### ATHENS (Reuter) - The wife of ailing Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou accused his children and ex-wife yesterday of orchestrating attacks against her the other side." and vowed to fight attempts to forcibly replace him.

Papandreou family feud erupts

Dimitra Liani said in an interview with the moothly magazine Coli that the Papandreou family was trying to prevent her from inheriting the veteran socialist leader's political mantie.

The family is trying to take over Papandreou's political inheritance...They want Dimitra outside of all this. They say she harms bim," said the ambitious and controversial Liani, a former Olympic Airways stewardess.

Excerpts from the January 8 interview were published by an Athens daily on yesterday. Colt, which will publish the full interview today, confirmed they were genuine.

They fight me with a double plan," said Liani, who married

Papandreon in 1989.
"The family on one side by making (his daughter) Sofia Katsaneva seem like a holy woman. And (his ex-wife) Margaret is on

Papandreon's four childreo and his American former wife Margaret have politely acknowledged Liani, 40, as Papandreou's wife. However, newspapers have long reported heated arguments between Liani and Sofia, a moth-

In her first interview since Papandreou was admitted to hospital on November 20, Liani said she spoke to him while he slept in intensive care, urging him to fight for his life. Papandreou, 76, who founded

the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) in 1974 and swept to power as Greece's first socialist prime minister in 1981. has been booked to life-support machines for his failing lungs and kidneys for eight weeks.

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## Weizman's Zionist challenge

PEAKING to a gathering of Jews in Ber-lin. President Ezer Weizman delivered what one Israeli diplomat described as "Zionist answers."

"I cannot understand how 40,000 Jews can live in Germany." Weizman said. "The place for the Jews is in Israel. Only in Israel can Jews live full Jewish lives.

Routinely discarding prepared texts in his public appearances. Weizman is a straight talker who has made unvarnished, unrefined, and unadorned speech his trademark. He is also an unabashed Zionist, who seems to have no doubts about the justness, essentiality, and purpose of Zionism. For him, as for all Zionists, no goal can be nobler than ensuring that within a decade or so Israel will contain the largest Jewish community in the world, numbering seven or eight million. A strong Jewish state which the majority of the world's Jews call their home is, after all, the fulfillment of the Zionist dream. And while Weizman may be more blunt than most statesmen, he said in Berlin what every president of Israel would have said.

Yet Weizman's appeal made news, as if there were something startlingly unusual about it, and it seemed to irk the local Jewish community. President of the Central Council of Jews in Germany Ignatz Bubis said he disagrees with Weizman's statement. "The full revival of the Jewish community in post-war Germany is important," he said. "Our living here does not mean that we cannot maintain a strong bond with Israel.

For obvious reasons, there is something par-

ticularly unpalatable about Jews living in Germany. But this is unfair. Half a century after the Holocaust, Germany should be accepted for what it is today: a European democracy and Israel's most important friend in the world next

There will always be "the memory of the Holocaust between the German people and the Jewish people," as German President Roman Herzog put it. And Germany will always be expected to make a special effort to prevent the repetition of what happened under the Nazis.

But what Weizman said in Germany applies to Jews everywhere. He accurately pointed out that it is in the US - where Jews have thrived more than anywhere else and where there are still more Jews than in Israel - that the danger of assimilation is greatest. Such trends are likely to continue, not only in North America, but wherever there are large Jewisb communities. Israel may become not just the only place where Jews can live fully as Jews; it may be the only place where a large Jewish community exists.

Yet if young Israelis fail to believe in Zionism the way Weizman does, they too will be swallowed in the wave of assimilation. If living in Israel becomes no more than a geographic accident, as it is to many, they may find it easier to agree with Bubis than with Weizman. And if Weizman truly wishes to transform Israel into a magnet for world Jewry, he will have to do more than inveigh against "Americanization." He will have to press for Zionist education in Israel with as much urgency as he preaches aliya in the Diaspora.

# Afrikaners grumble

HEN grumbling Afrikaners gathered in Pretoria at the weekend to protest against "racial discrimination" than probably failed to realize the irony of their demonstratioo. Nor did they pooder bow blacks gathering to protest racial discriminatioo in South Africa would have been treated during the years of apartbeid.

In fact, the demonstration turned out to be a somewhat feeble affair, in view of the furrowed brows of analysts and sootbsayers predicting resurgent militancy among the diehard Afrikaners, who feel they have lost most in South Africa's new democracy. Even the 1,000 who gathered around the now shabby Voortrekker Monument in Pretoria failed to mount a sbow of unity, as a clash erupted over an attempt by extremists to tear down the oew South African flag. The flag was rescued after a brief scuffle, but the minor incident demonstrated that the majority of these so-called extremists of the white right are decent people, willing to exercise their democratic right to air their views, but unwilling to insult the flag or the government of

their new country. Far too much has been made in foreign commentaries of the dangers posed by the Afrikaners. Once the strength of the hideous official apartheid apparatus was removed, the Afrikaners turned out to be fairly innocuous extremists. The attempt by their armed militants to stage a coup in the Bopbuthatswana homeland before the 1994 elections was a pretty miserable

Sir. - We write under the impact

of a full-page article in The New

York Times of December 26 on the

Golan Heights including a detailed

map and illustrations. Even without

ever having a visited the Golan, any-

body reading the description of pro-

ductive farms and vineyards, a fac-

tory of electric motors, the wealth of

water, early-warning installations

and Mt. Hermon ski slopes, would

wonder what on earth is driving the

government of a small and vulnera-ble country like Israel to give all this

away for a mythical idea of a "com-

prehensive peace" or a "New Mid-

Ohviously, the article was

prompted by the ongoing negotia-

tions with Syria. According to the

reponer, residents and visitors alike

profess to want peace, yet it seems

that the area now enjoys complete

peace with no terrorist attacks and

no hostile population, so there is

really no question of ruling over

In a larger context it would appear

that the diplomatic game is meant to

lure Syria out of a hostile, anti-

Western posture and into a coopera-

tive stance by sacrificing the Golan

another people.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MYTHICAL CONCEPTS

for a possible elimination of terror-

ism against Israel and against Tur-

key, of drug trafficking, arms prolif-

eration and possible elimination of

the occupation of Lebanon. Will the

Syria of Assad ever consider this

hribe as sufficient to change its well-

entrenched ways? Very doubtful.

Meanwhile the government of Israel

is prepared to give up a valuable area that was fought for and wres-

tled from the murderous Syrians in

1967, then again in 1973 at a cost of

many young lives. Is it not an affront

to the memory of these hrave men to

What kind of strategic asset for

Western interest will Israel repre-

sent in a shrunken territory, showing

little regard for self-interest, de-

pending on American Gls for pro-

tection, and having no direct control

How long can the morale of the

population hold up before every-

body concludes that their leaders

nave lost touch with reality, and care

NICK WELNER

BARBARA WELNER

more about slogans than safety?

of its water supplies?

Hamden, Conn.

treat their sacrifice so lightly?

effort, crushed in minutes by local police. For all the macho posturing of young Afrikaoer bucks, the vast majority of South Africa's three millioo Afrikaners - about 6 percent of the population - accept Presideot Nelson Mandela's policy of recoociliation, are proud of their country's new image in the world, and really want to make the best of the new system. That so few turned up for the much-publicized rally, and theo squabbled among themselves over oational dignity, should silence the prophets of doom who predict a phalanx of militaristic Afrikaner jackboots crushing the new-born

The geoeral respect for Mandela has all but isolated oeo-Nazi elements in the Afrikaner camp and the speeches of the mainstream leaders are surprisingly mild - a far cry from the blood-curdling calls to all-out war made by the neo-Nazis before the elections.

The main thrust of the Afrikaners' concerns appear to be cultural - they do not want their bistory, religion, or language to be swamped. Mandela responded with his usual graciousness, saying he would never degrade their language or culture - "We must look at the needs of the country as a whole."

Gatberings of Afrikaner demonstrators should be viewed for what they are - valid democratic expressions of community concerns. It is time to give the shrill and sinister condemnations of this community a rest. White African tribes also bave their rights.

# SYRIA ISRAEL TALKS. SOMETIMES HE GETS CONFUSED BETWEEN PUSH AND PULL... PUSH

# No guns, no funds

TAFEZ Assad. president of Syria, and Saddam Hussein, president of Iraq, are separated by one dramatic difference. Mr. Hussein has a bigger mustache.

Otherwise, twins. They are mass murderers of their own people counting hy thousands. Both are total dictators, ruling by torture and execution. Both devote themselves to doing the greatest possihle damage to democracy, particularly the US.

And as the US plays broker in the talks between Syria and Israel, the American people and Congress should remember another talent both men share: playing on the weakness and greed of the West to make their dictatorships

The purpose of keeping it in mind is not to end US participation in the talks or to block Israel from trying to turn over the Golan Heights to Syria in exchange for

For almost four decades both Labor and Likud insisted that the Golan Heights, taken from Syria hy Israel in 1967, were essential to Israeli security. After Labor won the election of 1992, the government said it was worth the Heights to get an agreement with Syria the last major holdout against peace with Israel

Foreigners can express doubts about the long-range wisdom of having Syrian gunners again, so close to overlooking Israel. But it is an Israeli decision to make and legitimate for the US to help in the negotiations.

Taking part, though, must not involve US strengthening of the Syrian dictatorship. That is a US decision to make. It should be made now, before any financial,

A.M. ROSENTHAL

political or military commitments are made by US negotiators.

WESTERN greed for arms sales helped Saddam Hussein grow until he was ready to invade Kuwait. After defeating Iraq on the battlefield, the US-led coalition permitted him to stay in power. He uses his reprieve, which must have as-

Will Americans learn at last about dealing with total dictators like Hafez Assad?

tounded him, to kill more Iraqis and squirrel away material for anclear and bacteriological warfare.

Mr. Assad has an even more impressive record of pulling the US and the West around hy the nose. It never cost him a soldier.

Without any Western opposi-tion he turned Lebanon into a col-ony. Then he used Lebanon and his own country as bases for terrorism directed against Israeli and American targets.

More Americans were murdered around the world by terrorists sponsored or harbored by Mr. Assad than were killed in the Guif war. And until it became politically incorrect to say so, Western intelligence believed Syria had a part in the downing of Pam Am 103 -Iranian money, Syrian management, with the final steps handed over to Libya when the police got close to Syrian cells in Germany. Now, lo, a couple of Libyans are supposed to have done it all by

themselves. Like Mr. Hussein, Mr. Assad's contempt for the US is unlimited.

Under the eyes of Syrian officers, and for advantage of the military hudget, hage crops of opium are grown in and shipped out of Lebanon, part of the drug network that feeds into the American hloodstream.

The West saw national interest in Kuwait and adjoining Saudi Arabia and fought to protect them. But the West decided that Lebanon was not worth bothering ahout. And the US decided it would do nothing about the drug crops and terrorist bases - like warning villagers to get out and then setting opium and camps afire from the air. It did put Syria on the short list of nations that could not trade with the US.

The Syrians know their price list to the US for a peace treaty and, count on it, so do the Israelis and Washington. Take Syria off the terrorist list, put US troops on the Golan, fork over some real money and allow access to Western arms. Simple, as should be our an-

swers to Syria: -Take the Golan since the Israelis offer it. Then peace be with you - and its own reward. You stay on the terrorist list until you destroy drug crops and terrorist camps, under continuing verification. But no US troops on the Golan; no arms, not a pistol; no money, not a

swers should be accepted by Israel as the US accepts Israeli decisions on its vital interests. To America, its democratic roots, interests and morals, it is indeed vital to refuse this time, at last, to be paymaster and arms merchant for governments that conquer other peoples and murder their own.

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## Russia's Vietnam, Yeltsin's choice

SHLOMO AVINERI

THE Chechen problem won't go away.

The new Russian foreign minister, Yevgeny Primakov, may try to present a more assertive Russian policy regarding NATO's eastward expansion. But a country which fails so dismally, and will continue to fail, as Russia has failed in Chechnya, is not a very reliable partner in a peaceful world order hased on stability, mntual respect, and a modicum of civilized behavior.

As France has learned in Algeria - and Israel learned in a different way during the intifada there are no military solutions to problems of national self-determination, even if accompanied hy terrorism.

On the other hand, Russia is, despite its recent travails, a major power, and Boris Yeltsin is facing presidential elections in June.

A public humiliation of Russia - and of Yeltsin personally - must be avoided. Like with America in Vietnam, a way out has to be found.

It is for this reason that attention should be paid to a proposal recently raised by Gregori Yavlinsky. Yavlinsky, one of the more serious and sophisticated among Russian politicians, is head of the Yabloko party in the State Duma. He is also Yeltsin's major rival in the upcoming presidential elections, and at present the most popular Russian politician, judging from public opinion

YAVLINSKY opposed the military intervention in Chechnya from the very beginning, and he has predicted that a military solution will not work.

In the wake of the Chechen hostage-taking in Dagestan, Yav-

An open referendum on the future of

Chechnya could provide a way out for a leader facing elections in June

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linsky has proposed that a referendum be held in Chechnya. The population, be said, should be given the opportunity to choose between full independence and a variety of federal or confederal links with Russia.

If Moscow believes that Dzhokar Dudayev, self-declared president of the Chechen Republic, represents only a handful of bandits, surely it shouldn't fear the outcome of an bonest referendum?

But heyond this, Yavlinsky's proposal may provide an honorable and reasonable way out.

It may not be easy for Yeltsin to accede to a proposal put forward by his main political rival but Yeltsin has shown himself a past master of (to use Disraeli's words) "stealing his rivals" clothes while they are bathing."

Offering an open referendum, one perhaps guaranteed by the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). can only enhance Yeltsin's position. It may prevent the conflict from spreading, as it recently did, into neighboring regions of Russia; it may put democratic reforms back on track.

No country can move toward democratic reforms while engaged in an almost genocidal war against a small people, using methods reminiscent of czars and bolshevik commissars. Most peoole in Russia don't want the war to go on.

It may not be an easy pill for Russia and Yeltsin to swallow. But the alternative - another prolonged Vietnam or Afghanistan may be worse.

One needs to be careful about predictions, but this one seems pretty safe: If Yeltsin doesn't solve the Chechen aprising honorably, the continued brutality will ultimately bring him, and his government, down.

Russia's friends, and Yeltsin's. should urge him to take up the Yavlinsky proposal. The alternatives are all far more bleak and frightening.

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# Opportunity for renewal

Since the Six Day War, religions Zionism has taken pride in, first, its educational system, which produced loyal Zionist youth who could integrate religious commitment with full army service; and second, its making the ideal of Jewish control over the whole land of Israel into a major organizing principle of devotion and concern.

Its education was dealt a serious blow by the Rabin assassination. Religious Zionist educators couldn't escape the grave shadow cast upon the system in which they had taken such pride. How could a moral monster have grown up in their midst without their being aware of the blind and vicious fanaticism that perverted his mind

Many people attribute the moral failure embodied hy Yigal Amir to the second motif: absolute Jewish sovereignty over the whole land of Israel. Amir believed that territorial compromise was tantamount to national suicide, and the moral equivalent of treason against everything sacred in Judaism.

The myth of the Greater Land of Israel was also weakened by the peace process and the case with which many Israelis have accommodated themselves to territorial compromise.

I am a religious Zionist who believes that the rebirth of the Jewish state is vitally important for the future of modern Judaism. But religious Zionism must change its priorities if it is to play a vital role in shaping society's future.

Religious parties in Israel have relied on legislation to influence the Jewish population. The state must have a Jewish character and,

they therefore claim, the power of the Knesset may be used to maintain the Jewishness of society. The fact is, however, that using

total failure. If anything, it has alienated Jews from Judaism, reinforcing the stereotype of religion as a self-serving, coercive force, oblivious to human rights and the value of freedom of conscience.

Yiddishkeit must grow and develop within the human soul. Without personal identification and respect, no amount of legislation can affect how Jews think and feel about Judaism. Religious students who meet with alienated Jewish youth at the Kotel and invite them home for Shabbat do more for Judaism than all the religions legislation passed by the

mises and presuppositions.

The rabbinate must begin to act like genuine educators, participating in the discussion about the nature of Israeli life as "a" voice, not as "the" voice. Religious Zionism must develop a leadership prepared to discard the mantle of anthority and present persuasive moral arguments to convince Israelis that Judaism has something important to say.

manistic culture in Israel. Those who believe it lacks Jewish depth must offer an understanding of God that will inspire people to begin a spiritual quest. The future of religious Zionism depends on separating religion from politics, on allowing Torah to compete freely

in the marketplace of ideas. The challenge facing religious Zionism is not only how to educate students to combine army service with religious observance, but how to inculcate loyalty and love of the tradition together with genuine respect for the values of phiralism, democracy and freedom of conscience.

Religious Zionism must also change its exclusive focus on the sovereignty of the whole land of Israel. The Talmud says that shalom, peace, is one of the names of God. The attempt at reconciliation with the Arab world without endangering our security is not a repudiation of the Torah, but an affirmation of God's covenantal call to Israel to bear witness to the ideals of justice and the sacredness of human life.

If we can focus our religious passions on a vision of life that expresses the dignity of every human being created in God's image, we may find that the peace process and the trauma of the Rabin assassination has given religious Zionism an opportunity to correct the distortions which have shaped its religious and political vision since the Six Day War, and in so doing, renew itself.

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TRASH

Sir. - On December 31, you published a letter by an American travel agent complaining about the trash along highways, on beaches, etc.

The complaint is very much to the point. I travel several times a year from Beers leba to Jerusalem and back by Egged hus. Each time, I am appalled by the trash along the highways wherever the bus stops at the junctions to let passengers on and off. All roads at the junctions and the junction areas are littered with trash. Is nobody responsible for keeping the junction areas clean? Once-a-year clean-up campaigns are not the answer.

MIRIAM LICHTHEIM

ISRAEL'S SCHOOLS Sir. - The minister of education clearly does not know what goes on

in the secular schools under his In his letter "Due process" (January 1), he denies calling for any political denunciation of teachers hy pupils, except when they have ex-

pressed support for Rabin's murder. I suggest that he investigate a far more serious and widespread phenomenon - the brainwashing of pupils hy teachers holding leftist opinions, who are seizing the opportunity presented by the assassination to impose their views on pupils. There are pupils who are afraid to express any contrary opinion, even if it is based on fact and logic; they are accused of being abu-

have come to my attention - completely untrue. The fact is that politicization of the schools is now blatant - and this under the guise of teaching "democracy and tolerance."

sive and this is - in the cases which

On second thoughts, I cannot believe that the minister does not know what is going on. MEIR ABELSON Jerusalem.

MUCH ADO

Sir, - Much ado is being made about Shimon Peres's remark that he would consider abandoning the nuclear option after peace is achieved. It is being overlooked that this remark is actually completely meaningless, because he specified peace with Libya, Iraq and Iran, which is the same thing as saying after hell freezes over. DR. JACOB ROSIN

DAVID HARTMAN

legislative power to imbue society

with the Judaic spirit has been a

THE RABBINATE too must undergo a major transformation. Quoting authoritative halachic texts to promote an interest in Judaism is futile. You can't use legal language to coerce people who do not share your authoritative pre-

There is a vibrant, liberal hu-

Jerusalem Post

#### If anything can evoke the days immediately following the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, it is the music we. heard during that time. And in an imprecedented collaborative - and nonprofit - effort, the country's major music companies have gotten together and produced a dou-

ble-disc collection called, Shalom, Chaver (Goodbye, My Friend). Anyone who listened to the radio or watched the memorial rally on the seventh day of mourning for Rabin already has a pretty good idea of what is included. The opening notes on the record

#### are actually not Israeli; they are from 'Lambarena,' the haunting piece by J.S. Bach, chosen by Channel 2 as the background music for its coverage of the aftermath of the assassination. The album then launches into

"Cry for You," the more subdued version recorded by Arik Einstein last year, not the live versionrecorded by its writer, Aviv Geffen.

Noga Tal, a Hed Artzi producer who edited the collection, has put together many compilations in her career, but none were as emotional an experience as Shalom, Chaver.

"In the beginning, I sat in the editing room for three days, and I was editing and crying, editing and crying. Nothing speaks to me more than music, and this music brought ont so many emotions," she said.

### **ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER**

For Tal, the songs on the album virtually chose themselves. The trick was finding the right versions. Some tracks were released on other albums, some were recorded especially for this one, others were recorded at the Rabin memorial raily.

"There were proposals just to

## While their guitars gently weep produce a recording of the rally," Tal said. "But in putting together this record, we were trying to

reflect what was being played throughout the 30 days of mourning, songs that were played on the radio, the songs that were sung by young people who came to Rabin Square, and not just for the rally."

Subsequent takes were recorded, she said, because in some cases the

recordings from the rally were not up to snuff technically. In some cases, artists were so overcome by emotion that they were out of mine or were not at their best.

While putting the record together, the producers were deluged by songs which were written after the assassination as tributes. In the end, they decided to stick with tried-and-true tunes, with a single exception, "It Suddenly Fell Upon Her," dedicated to Leah Rabin and recorded by Arik Einstein.

The cooperative effort evolved after producers at both Hed Artzi and NMC, the country's leading record companies, began putting together their ideas for a collection immediately after the assassination. They quickly decided that cooperation, not competition, was

the most appropriate approach. In the end, Shalom Chaver brought together all of Israel's major labels.

The proceeds are going to a Rabin memorial fund.

Sisyphus

dances on

the fringe

DORA SOWDEN wo of Israel's most gifted choreographers are Heda Oren and Rina Shaham, neither of whose work gets

enough exposure. A sampling of their output was presented on January 13 at Habama, the fringe

arts center in Jerusalem's Talpiot

The program did not fully show

That was especially true in the first of Oren's three works,

Sisyphus 1, 2, 3, in which the power

to project meaning and feeling was

strongly evident. Dancing by Vladimir and Mina Filk, both from

Minsk, ingeniously suggested the

off their talents, but it did demonstrate the need to give Oren

and Shaham more scope.

industrial zone.

## Pfeiffer vehicle gets a gift rap

TIRZAH AGASSI

angerous Minds is a movie with two stars: Micbelle Pfeiffer and its soundtrack (Hed Arzi).

It opens with rapper Coolio's No. 1 single "Gangsta's Paradise" blasting as the credits roll over washed-out views of inner city

"As I walk through the valley of the shadow of death," be intones, backed by strident strings and a . booming beat. "I'm 23 now, but will I live to see 24?"

His angry questions are intercut with samples of Stevie Wonder's "Pastime Paradise," a classie plea for unity among have-nots. The resulting musical dialogue (which has now been blaring over the airwaves nonstop for months) is

So is the music video in which Coolio, with his electric dreadlocks, stands in for one of the film's young characters. He enters the movie's classroom set and raps about borrors that most folks just don't want to hear about.

"There are no victims in this class!" shoots back Pfeiffer, who plays an idealistic teacher in both video and film.

"Gangsta's Paradise" is the soundtrack's star turn. But the other 11 songs also have plenty to



Michelle Pfeiffer shares a laugh with Coolio No. 1, the hip-hop artist whose single 'Gangsta's Paradise' tops the 'Dangerous Minds' sound track.

"R.E.S.P.E.C.T." that these young from rap critics who can't quite Dylan Thomas, seduced by their grabs its grandeur from everything

Dylan Thomas, seduced by their grabs its grandeur from everyming previous exposure to "the other from the Bible to classical orchestration on the sound bylan's cuphemistic lyricism tration, to an inspirational melody, young," catching on to the sound bylan's cuphemistic lyricism tration, to an inspirational melody, young," catching on to the sound bylan's cuphemistic lyricism tration, to an inspirational melody, young, catching on to the sound bylan's cuphemistic lyricism tration, to an inspirational melody, young, catching on to the sound bylan's cuphemistic lyricism tration, to an inspirational melody, young, catching on to the sound bylan's cuphemistic lyricism tration, to an inspirational melody.

closes with "This Is The Life," a Wendy and Lisa song reminiscent

classical style of Havdn's concerto

in C major and made short order of

the passage work in Tchaikovsky Rococo Variations.

Beersheba

#### myth of the Greek who was punished in Hades by having to roll a stone up a hill forever. The sense of rolling stone was created by the relationship of the pair, sometimes violent to the point of ferocity in the lifts and

In the second duet, the ballerina was very skillful when dancing en pointe. Rina Shaham's two works were obviously designed for student performance. One was a sweet little duet for two girls in pink, the

other a more elaborate trio.

ROMANIAN choreographer Gigi Caciuleanu's Acto, premiered by the Bat-Dor Dance Company about a year ago, was repeated at the Bat-Dor Theater in Tel Aviv on January 9, making clear how much modern dance has to give in conveying ideas and as sheer entertainment. It had all the charms that ballet offers, but with a new vocabulary and novel idiom.

On the back wall of the stage, a buge clock showed the time was 12:25, and two young dancers came to frolie in prankish innocence. They were replaced by another couple, a little more selfconscious and emotionally stronger with the clock set et 7.

The hands moved to 3 and the couple that emerged was quarrelsome, but together until the clock showed it was midnight when another couple, perhaps wiser, took the stage.

This was modern dance - and the Bat-Dor Company - at its

# other 11 songs also have plenty to say. And they say it straight up. Whether talking about being "just another young mega—holding chains and swingin thangs" or "probled 13 1906 being, The sound to win practice who can't quite get used to the idea of high-toned previous exposure to "the other Dylan's"—euphemistic lyricism tration, to an inspirational melody. This including parallels the superior separates the being a hip-hop partner. Dylan's "euphemistic lyricism tration, to an inspirational melody. This including parallels the superior separates the being a hip-hop partner. Dylan's "euphemistic lyricism tration, to an inspirational melody. This including special—boy, pop and R&B. It is close education statements when the bottom line is always about the ground to win praise." Mussorgsky opera proves as fresh as today's headlines

Kirov/Marinsky Theater's performance of Khovanshchina by Modest Mussorgsky was a sensation for several reasons.

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The first was the powerful music, which overwhelmed an incredibly bad, overly long libretto. Then, in Shostakovich's brilliant orchestration, be not only remained faithful to, but also actually supplemented Mussorgsky.

The third factor was the production in all of its aspects: direction; stage design; vocal achievements; and the brilliance of the orchestra. The direction was not tainted in

any way by the eccentricities of other so-called modern directors. who often turn the operas into expressions of egomania. But Leonid Baratov's "historical" staging also showed that even with e "conventional" approach there can be exciting theater, convincing acting and immense drama.

He created continuity and logic in the face of five principal figures, who all collided in a labyrinth of conflicting ambitions and political and religious ideologies.

Vocally, we were treated to the best of Russian tradition. The magnificent tenors were Konstantin Pluzhnikov as the Scrivener and as Prince Vasily Golitsin, and Yuri Marusin as Prince Andrei

Petersburg's Khovansky. Even more exciting were the low voices, baritone Nikolai Putilin as Shaklovity the boyar, bass Vladimir Ognovenko as Prince Ivan Khovansky; and bass/baritone Mikail Kit as Dosifey. the spiritual leader of the "Old Believers." Another voice and interpretation to remember was mezzo-

soprano Olga Borodina as Marfa. All of the participants, even those in the smallest supporting roles, were excellently cast. Then there was the choir, featured in the mass scenes that are the indispensable component of almost all-Russian operas. Each of these scenes was a feast for the ear and eye. All of the choral passages were built up slowly and gradually, creating mighty sonorities which nevertheless remained mag-

nificently balanced with the full

blast of the orchestra. Finally, I must acknowledge the superb mastery of conductor Valery Gergiev, who in a few years has turned the orchestra of the Marinsky Theater into one of the world's finest. He was everywhere all the time; not a solo by a single instrument, nor a vocal phrase or choral passage seemed to have escaped his attention.

There was an additional dimension which made this occasion so exciting: the incredible relevance

## CONCERT ROUNDUP

of Khovanshchina. Repeatedly the heroes commit themselves to save Russia, to deliver the people, to defend the country, praying for peace and stability. It could have come from today's headlines.

Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center, January 10. Benjamin Bar-Am

TENOR Peter Schreier's performance of Schnbert's Swan Song and Schumann's Song Cycle op. 39 was a model of consummate art. It was an art where nothing was taken for granted. Each phrase was given a unique coloring, never as an effect for its own sake, but always in order to express a subtle shade of meaning hidden in the text, bared like a revelation.

A rich spectrum of emotions and inner - never extroverted - drama was shaped with genuineness. Sometimes . the unconventional tempi intensified a feeling inherent in the delicate, suggestive lyrics.

The bottomless despair and yearning of Schubert's Far Away was emphasized by the relentless slowness, preparing a striking contrast with the immediately following, apparently carefree, Farewell. A "whole world of pains" was conveyed intensely in The Atlas. After the dark hopelessness expressed in Schubert's concluding The Double, a reaction overbeard in the andience was, "What

remains to be said in words?": The exquisite delicateness of Schumann's songs was displayed with extreme poignancy. In Moon Night a mood of pure poetry was evoked. The uncanny, menacing atmosphere of Dusk was condensed spine-chillingly into the concluding "take care."
Walter Olbertz played the piano

part with uncommon sensitivity for the music and for his partner. Jerusalem Theater, January 8. **Ury Eppstein** 

A NEW piano, played by the young Israeli pianist Airam Reichert, was presented in an inauguration recital at the Bible Lands Museum.

The sound of the Korean-made piano, slightly resembling the tone quality of a fortepiano, suits Beethoven's Sonata op. 109, and probably earlier works as well. Reichert performed it with appropriate energy, and also captures some of the concluding andante's lyricism. For more romantic works, such

as those by Schubert, Liszt and

Scriabin, a more reverberating

instrument would most likely have proved more compatible with their style. In Scriabin's Sonata No. 5 and Liszt's Legends No. 2, Reichert displayed impressive virtuoso, demonstrating his technical skills with formidable capacity.

However, the emphasis on the technical aspects of Schubert's Sonata in A minor missed the poetic significance of its melodie turns and proved that for the subtleties of this work a more advanced stage of maturity is still required. Bible Lands Museum, Jeru-

salem, January 13. **Ury Eppstein** 

IN one week, guest conductor Lev Markiz has managed to bring the Beersheba Sinfouietta up to a European-International standard. The Moscow-born violinist and conductor, active in the Netherlands since 1961, drew interpretive finesse and emotion from the Negev musicians, who responded to every gesture in

Mozart's symphony No. 33.
TheShostakovich/Barshai chamber symphony op. 83 was redolent, glossy and polished. Gerhardt

Cellist Alban Gerhardt (Germany), 27, has won e number of international competitions recently, and for good reason. He brought charisma to the authentic

#### January 13. Max Stern

**TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15** THIS LAST WEEKS ON WEEK WEEK CHARTS ARTIST YEHUDA POLIKER FI TON JOHN MADONNA SOMETHING TO REM FILM SOUND TRACK DANGEROUS MINDS VARIOUS ARTISTS VARIOUS ARTISTS ARKADI DUCHIN FILM SOUNO TRACK VANGELIS OASIS SADE RAMI KLEINSTEIN

THE CHILD IN YOU LOVE SONGS SOMETHING TO REMEMBER NOW 32 RABIN - GOODBYE FRIEND ARKADI DUCHIN PRISCILLA VOICES MORNING GLORY BEST OF APPLES AND DATES THE GRAND LOVE LIVE IN CONCERT DAY OREAM Tower Records' top-setting albums for the previous week, RE - re-entry

## Omar Sharif fesses up

OMAR SHARIF, best remembered for his role in the 1965 film Doctor Zhivago, said he had an illegitimate son from a fiveminute" affair with an Italian jour-

The Italian journalist came to interview me about 25 years ago," Sharif said in an interview published Sunday in the Egyptian magazine Rose el-Youssef. "And it happened in five minutes."

Sharif, 63, said the woman whom he identified as Lola de Loka called him a year later with news of a baby boy. He has had little contact with him, but said he and his son resembled each other.

"Generally, I consider my son as the one whose mother I love ... not from a woman I hardly knew and did not love," he told the magazine during a recent visit to

He added that he only loved one woman, his former wife and Egyptian actress, Faten Hamama. They had one son, Tareq (AP)

# Historical drama not for the faint of heart

ZINZANA

By Ira Dvir. Direction, Ell Cohen. Set, Ell-Sirmi. Costumes, Anat Messner. Music, Effi Shoshani. Lighting, Judy Kuperman, Hebrew title, Zirzana. At the Meskin Hall, Habimah National Thester.

...... Micha Selektar \_ Uri Avrahami Shimeon Lev-Ari

Tra Dvir's nightmarish play is impressive for its dramatic quality and the unflinching grimmess of its approach. Even so, not a little of the powerful effect it has on audiences is due to Eli Sinai's marvelously macabre set and Eli Cohen's flawless direction. Thanks to them and the sinister visual and sound effects, it makes for an eventful evening of

Let it be clear at the outset, however, that the theme, a ghoulish gallows tale of two IZL captives in the darkest days of the British Mandate, is not for the squeamish. The play describes the last days

of two underground fighters awaiting death-by-hanging inside a British jail. The scant action revolves around the reluctant relationship emerging between them as they both refuse to appeal for ciemency.

The two principals, Yernham and Arieh (Gil Frank and Micah Selektar), translate the wellchoreographed direction into vivid body language within the narrow confines of their cell. Textwise, however, the overheated Selektar tends to swamp the more fragile Frank in an onslaught of overstaged exuberance.

On the other hand, Uri. Avrahami, an actor of unusual talent, plays Ali, the simple Arab warder, with rare restraint.

A deep and disturbing study is given by Shimeon Lev-Ari as the tragicomic prison barber, an Anschwitz survivot.

In an unexpected final and fantastic twist, the rabbi (Chaim Chova) is made to laud the two as martyrs in a hysteric benediction. Is this done to tie the drama to the Rabin assassination and the dubious role of certain rabbis therein? If so, it taints a fine drama ostensibly set up to commemorate a

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

historic act of heroism.

Music, Richard Rodgers, Lyrics, Oscar Hammerstein after a story by Lindsay and Crouse. Hebrew, Avi Koren. Direction, Menahem Golan. Music, Roni Weiss. Choreography, Chilk Cohen. Set, Dov Ben-David, Choral work, Hedva Meller. Hebrew ville. Zilie Habburgh.

... Hani Nachmias Mother Superior .... You Trapp \_ Sashi Keshet - KH Gorenstein Limor Shapira

EVEN If you cherish delicious

childhood memories and fear having them ruined by exposure to a tarnished Sabra version of a memorable musical, you should not besitate to see this show. Menahem Golan, with the rav-

ishing Hani Nachmias in the lead role, offers a production that not only reproduces the sheer genius of the work in every scintillating detail, but also renews the joy of music and movement through a performance by a professional and bighly talented cast.

It was with great relief and relish that this reviewer succumbed to a glittering evening of good, old-fashioned sentimentality, sugar-coated with naivete, sincerity, and honest schmaltz.

The execution, on the other hand, was highly sophisticated; it was artistically and technically advanced in every respect. Here's hoping that Golan has come back to fill the lacunae in grand musical productions that disappeared with the departure of the much-lamented Godek.

### PHILISTINE, The Great Deception, by Ramon Bennett

FRANK SINATRA



is the Israeli-PLO Peace Accord the beginning of the end of the Arab-Israeli conflict, or is it a prelude to an all-out assault on Israel by the Arab nations? This incredible, thoroughly documented expose gives a clear understanding of the Arab mind and Arab intentions.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

'Arabs need to invest \$160b. in power plants within 15 years'

Demand was expected to con-

The availability of capital and

cheap subsidized electricity sup-

ported this rapid growth and en-

In cut down on wastage, Arab

countries "badly need" to intro-

duce demand management tech-

niques to enhance savings and

improve efficiency. But many of

these methods relied on pricing,

couraged over-use, he said.

the Arah world.

DUBAl (Reuter) - Arab countinue to rise sharply, as average tries would have to pump \$160 annual consumption per capita in billion into power plants in the Arab countries - at 1,250 kilonext 15 years to meet fast-grow-ing demand, the World Energy watt hnurs - was lower than the world average of 2,200 kilowatt Cruncil said over the weekend.

Addressing a power conference, Vice Chairman Hisham Kharib said electricity production in Arab countries would have to grow hy 46 gigawatts up to the year 2000, representing investment of around \$60b.

Another \$100b. would need to he spent on power generation in the first 10 years of the next century in adding a further 76 gigawatts to hring production up to 200 gigawatts.

"Investments in the electricity supply industry in the Arah region will amount to almost five percent nf gross capital investments in the region during the next 15 years," he said.

Demand for electricity had in the past two decades been growing faster in the Arab world, and particularly the Gulf, than in any other region, Khatib said.

"Between 1980-1990 average annual world growth in demand for electricity was 3.5%, compared to 9.1% annually in the Arab region and 12.2% in the Gulf states."

# Central bank survey: Growth to continue in '96

THE economy continued to expand in all its major industries during the fourth quarter, and is bound to continue its growth in the first quarter this year, according to the Bank of Israel's seasonal survey of companies' activities, published yesterday.

In all, the fastest growth was registered in the large industrial companies, most of whose added sales were attributed to increased

Local sales remained generally

All industrial branches reported continued growth, and nearly nne in three industrial companies said they had increased

productivity. The added output was mainly exported, and one in every two companies reported a rise m its exports, as opposed to one in five which reported a decline in their

Hnwever, local sales, which until the fourth quarter had grown consistently for six consecutive quarters, was stemmed and remained unchanged in comparison with the third quarter.

The expansion of sales and prinduction was accompanied with stable personnel payrolls, as well as inventories of finished

The most exceptional pace of growth was detected in the electronics' sectur, where 68% of companies surveyed reported increased exports.

In the construction sector, 55% nf the companies surveyed reported increased activity, both in finished structures and in construction starts, while 15% reported a decline in their business and the rest remained nuchanged.

In the tourism industry, 44% of hotels reported expanded activities, in comparison with their performance over the same period

# **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

Applicom has sold its holdings and marketing activity in off-the shelf product Com-Nilmlit to Sintec Technologies, plus 10percent royalties on product Com-Info. Formula Systems owns 30% controlling interest in Sintec and through various agreements holds 53.5% of voting rights. Elitech industries 77 owns 10.8%. Formula owns 42% of Applicom outstanding Rachel Neiman capital share and 51% of voting rights.

Software house Dvir yesterday announced the release of Q-Text 6.0 for Windows. The price of the software is \$350 (VAT not included) and upgrades begin at NIS 200.

Local companies to participate at Asian Aerospace exhibition: Sixteen local companies will participate in the Israeli pavilion at the Asian Aerospace exhibition in Singapore next month. The list includes CI Systems, El-Op, Electro-Optic Industries, Elbit Computers, Elisza Electronic Systems, Excalibur, IET, IAI, Opgal, Rafael-Elgal, Scopus Light, Sibit Microcomputers, TAAS, Tadiran, TAT, Plasson and Beit Shemesh Motors.

### **WORLD BRIEFS**

British hotelier Forte bowed to shareholder pressure and said it would split the roles of chairman and chief executive. But share analysts echoed criticism from predator Granada, which has made a £3.8 billion bid for Forte, that the move was too Reuter

The German government said the Post Office should take a stake in the privatization of Deutsche Postbank but should not be given control of its sister organization. The announcement could end months of bitter fending between the Post Office and Postbank, sister agencies in the postal authority that were transformed into state-owned joint stock companies last year and are due to be privatized.

The sacking of Russia's farm minister after a disastrous grain harvest signals that Moscow is jittery over how it will feed millions in farflung regions, industry analysts said.

# Gov't reconsidering stance on patent laws due to EU, US pressure

which is subsidized throughout THE government is reconsidering its stance on patent laws fol-Many countries in the region lawing enocerns expressed by have vowed to give the private hath the European Union and sector a larger role in their

"Research needs strong pro-But Khatib said the subsidized tection in intellectual property," prices along with weak Arab cap-EC delegation head Michael ital markets meant government's Ryan said in a statement yesterdominant role in the industry was day. "A weakeoed patent law likely to change little in the next risks scaring off potential

"Therefore the industry will Ryan said a proposed amendcontinue to rely on the government would "allow the explnitament for many years to come and tion of an invention hefore the will continue to suffer from the end of its patent protection," poor maoagement and financial adding he hoped "reason would weaknesses inherent in government owned and run utilities."

RACHEL NEIMAN

His sentiments echoed those of US Amhassadnr Martin Indyk, who two weeks ago alluded to the problem before the annual meeting of the Manufacturers Association's electronics division.

The conflict centers around the 20-year limit for manufacturers rights oa patented pharmaceuticals. It has been common practice for local generic drug manufacturers in begin in-house research and patent applications well before patents expired.

A case brought before the Tel Aviv District Cnurt last year

the rights of patent-hulders. A reform in the patent law was then praposed by the Gahhai-

"The Gahbai Committee is canvinced the amendment is quite in accord with Israel's international obligations, including those under the free trade agreements, and that it reflects a fair balance between patent holders and generic mannfacturers, " committee member Allen Zysblad said. Nonetheless, "we have been reexamining our position in light of these comments and in light of [nther] complaints."

# Moriah Hotel chain signs franchise marketing agreement with Radisson

HAIM SHAPIRO

ISRAEL is on the verge of becoming a "boiling market" for tourism, with an explosion in the demand for hatel rooms once all the harders with neighbaring countries are opened, according to Kurt Ritter, president aod CEO of worldwide Radisson SAS

Ritter was speaking at a press conference in Tel Aviv yesterday to mark the signing of a franchise marketing agreement with the Moriah Hotel chain, whose hotels are to he known as Radisson Moriah hotels.

According to the agreement, Moriah has the sole franchise rights for Israel and Jordan.

Moriah general manager Amnon Madar said the Israeli chain is in contact with a number of lordanian hotels, as well as some addioonal Israeli hotels.

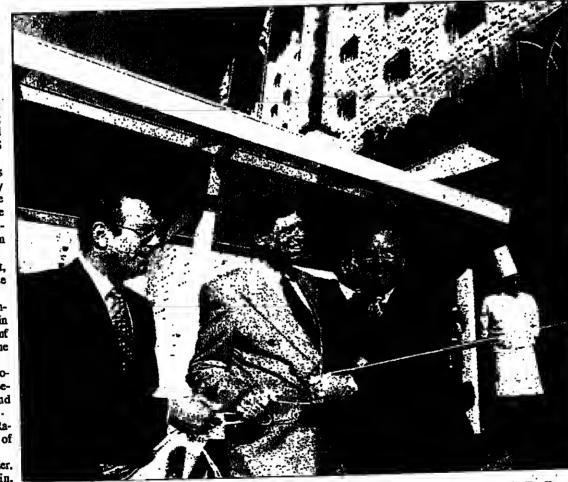
There are currently Moriah hotels in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Tiberias, the Dead Sea, Eilat, and Zichron Ya'acov.

Ritter explained that the Radisson SAS chain has a policy of working with local people.

He said he and Amnun Mader. director of the Moriah chain, found each other in Berlin at the ITB, the world's largest tourism trade fair.

In comparison with the large American-hased chains, Riner said, Radisson SAS does not demand that all contracts be in English, that the hotel bear a specific name or that price levels be established in US dollars.

If, for example, the Moriah hotels fulfilled local fire-code regulations, there was nn need for the chain to step in, he said. "We don't come and tell them



Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, Moriah general manager Amnon Madar and worldwide Radisson SAS Hotels president and CEO Kurt Ritter unveil the new Radisson sign at the Moriah Hotel in the capital's Talbiyeh neighborhood.

you don't have enough salt in your soup," Ritter said.

Ritter added he felt that Radisson SAS had entered the Israeli market at the right time, when it was about to take off. If the company had waited for a few years. it would undoubtedly have been much more difficult, he said.

The Radisson SAS group represents an alliance between Radisson, a part of the Minneapolisbased Carlson Companies Inc., and SAS Hotels International, which represents the group in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.

According to Irving Ash, senior director of development for

Carlson Hospitality Worldwide, the Carlson Companies has some travel agencies.

The company's reservation system is based in Omaha, Nebras-Dublin, and Mexico City.

1,000 outlets - including hotels, restaurants, cruise ships, and

ka, with branch offices in Sydney,

## MKs ask for report on how to fight excess wages in public jobs

EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset Finance Committee yesterday asked head of the Treasury's wage division Yossi Kuchik to report back to it hy April with suggestions for tightening sanctions against excess wages in the public sector.

The committee was discussing Kuchik's second annual report on public-sector wages, which found excessive and illegal payments in 52 percent of the more than 600 organizations examined.

Kuchik said that in particular, the local authorities and municipai curporations violate wage ceilings "systematically" and have heen dning so fur years. These vinlations have cust the state hundreds of millions of shekels, he said

Ya'acov Agmon of the Local Authorities Union said that in some cases, these violations are simply due tn ignurance or misunderstandings.

His organization, he said, will try to do a better job of offering guidance in the future.

Government companies are not problem-free either. The Israel Electric Curpora-

tion, for instance, pays its senior nfficials some NIS 39,000 a month. However, Kuchik said, excess

wages in government companies are often due to large bonuses, which are technically legal. Committee chairman Gedalva Gal (Labor) noted that when violations are occurring on as large a

scale as Kuchik's report indicates, there is clearly a serious problem.

He therefore asked Kuchik to prepare recummeodatioos on

sanctions and report back to the committee in April. State Comptroller Miriam Beo-Porat has already recommended prosecuting violators

when possible, and Kuchik has been discussing this with Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair. Knchik said that next year'a re-

port will include a section on what measures were taken against this year's violators.

# 'Put main pipeline of natural gas plan in hands of private sector'

gas project should be in the hands : of the private sector, Energy Minister Gooen Segev said yesterday during a presectation of all implementation, supervising project plans to Prime Minister prices and services and locating

Seventy percent of the pipeline should be in the private sector, Segev said, while 30% should be in the hands of a government company - which would also own the "land corridors" for the

The plan goes against the wishes of the Treasury, which disapproves of a combined private-. public entity.

The plans were formulated in

accordance with recommendations made by the World Bank, whose driving principle for the 20 to 25-year project is its commercial foundation and the strength the ecnnomy would gain from private sector participation.

According to the principles, a single company will not be allowed to participate in more than nne aspect of the project - such as : purchasing, transport, nr distribution. Government involvement will

he limited to organizing and This includes setting up proce-

dures, laws, rules, regulations,

THE main pipeline of the natural environmental and safety standards, Tax Tevels, prepariog tenders and selecting-bidders, supervising construction and oversources of supply.

The government will also ensure gas purchased for specific purposes is used as such.

Signature of gas purchasiog contracts will be by end users such as the Israel Electric Corporation, the petrochemical industry and various private companies.

Gas transportation would be executed by a commercial

The pipeline route would use the same right of way as the existing nil pipelines.

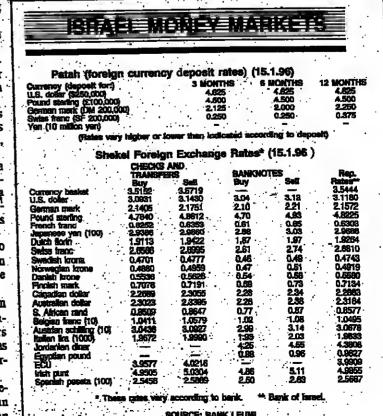
Gas distribution would be granted through tender

Negotiations with Egyptian company ETGC concerning the purchase of natural gas are in ad-

vanced stages, Segev added. Segev will today accompany the visiting Dutch prime minister and foreign minister during the

first of a four-day official visit. The nfficial delegation will visit Elbit and IEC headquarters, and will sign a declaration of cooperation in the energy field.

Elron CEO Uzia Gaili did not sell NetMnage shares last week, or at any other time since November 1995. Our report yesterday concerning this was erroneous, and we apologize to Mr. Galil for having previous-



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## Saudis urged to accept lower spending year that uncharacteristic price

DUBAI (Reuter) - Sandi Arahia's Crown Prince Abdullah yesterday urged his coontrymeo, once used to lavish state benefits, to accept cuts in government spending, the official Saudi news agency SPA reported.

it said the crown prince "expressed his satisfaction nver readiness shown by ministers to comply with the principle of rationalization of government expenditure when carrying out the

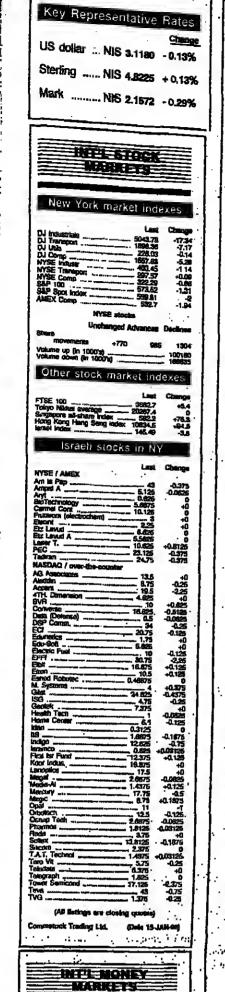
"He urged the citizens to accept measures designed for the continual reinforcement of the national economy," the SAS report said.

The crown prince made the remarks while heading a weekly cabinet meeting, SPA said. Kiog Fahd handed over the

running of affairs of state to the crown prince earlier this month while he recovers from a stroke he suffered in November. The monarch told Saudis last

rises for basic services such as water and electricity, part of economic restructuring after years of hage budget deficits, were Sandi Arabia and other nil-rich Gulf states have traditionally delivered generous benefits to their

But the kingdom's economy has been strapped for cash in receot years because of soft oil prices and high Gulf war costs.



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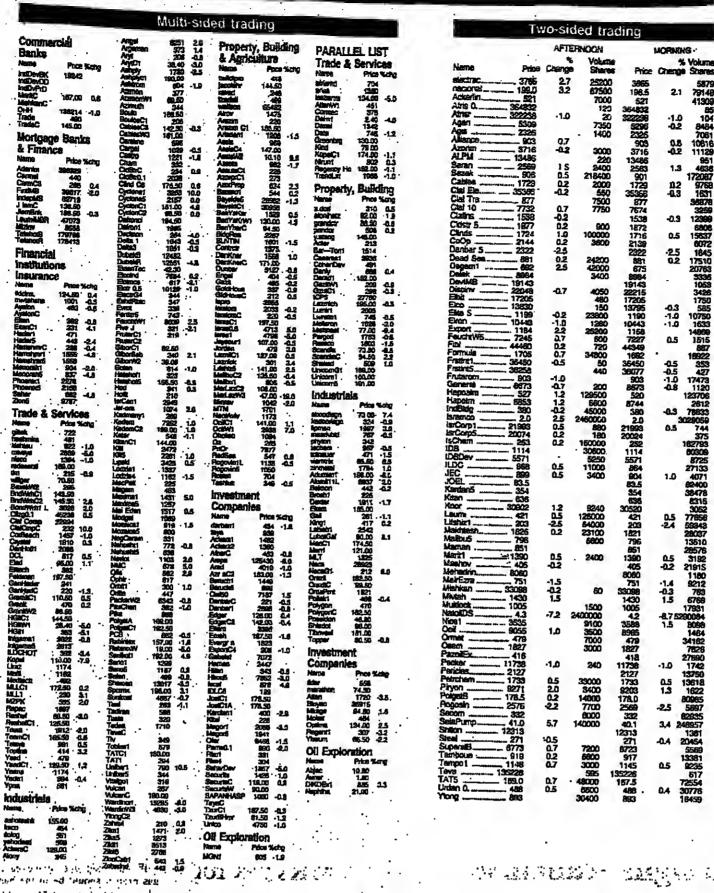
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# Indexes rise to snap six days of losses

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ROBERT DANIEL



INDEXES rose yesterday as investors awaited a report of the Consumer Price Iodex and to see if recent weakness on the US stock markets would continue.

The most active issue was Koor Industries Ltd., which added 1.25 percent on N1S 3.87 million

"I expected little change" in the index "and little activity." says Keith Phillips, analyst at the Israel Desk of Societe Generale Staruss Turnbull in Tel Aviv. "A lot of people were waiting for the lead from the US to see if the worst is over there."

The indexes rose for the first time after six days of losses. The Two-Sided Index added

0.33% to 207.82, while the Maof Index added 0.39% to 215.56. Io the six previous trading days, each index lost 3.7%.

For a second day, trading was more than 25% below the month's average. More thao NIS 75 millioo traded. That's

28% below the month's average

daily trading of NIS 104.6m. Consumer prices rose 1.2% in December from November. The figure, released after the market

elosed, was higher than expected. Estimates for the consumer price index ranged from 0.9% to 1.1%. The CPI rose 8.1% in 1995, at the low end of the target of between 8% and 11%. Infla-

tion was 14.5% last year. Before the slide started, stocks had reached a 20-mooth high. The cabinet theo approved a previously announced cut of NIS 1.3 billion from the fiscal 1996 budget and Finance Ministry boosted

fuel taxes 15%. The government was seeking to reduce the country's balanceof-payments deficit.

However the move left investors concerned that ioflatioo might accelerate, and it dampened hopes that the central bank would cut interest rates.

# FTSE-100 Index closes up 5.4 points

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - Share prices closed mixed but with a marginally firmer edge in the blue chip stocks, underpinned by Bund-related gilt gaios, and slightly stronger Wall Street.

But investors remained eau-

tious about the Dow's short-term prospects with no early solution seen to the unresolved question of the US budget.

The FTSE 100 elosed 5.4 points up at 3,662.7.

FRANKFURT - Stocks soared to new record heights, continuing last week's advance fueled by international investor interest, a firmer dollar and gains in German deht markets.

The 30-share DAX Index ended floor trade up 2.60 points at 2,359.05, but pared some gains in late trading as some traders said the market may soon be hit by modest profit-taking before continning the uptrend.

The DAX held its gains in late trade to elose the IBIS electronic session at 2,361.38 points - also a record close.

PARIS - Shares finished higher, in line with other European hourses. The market was holstered by gaios by hoods and hopes of a Freoch rate cut on Thursday. But volume was rela-

tively light.
The CAC-40 Index elosed up 16.81, or 0.88 perceot, at 1,924.40.

ZURICH - Shares plummeted almost 2% in what was seen as a continued reaction to recent downgradings by foreign and domestie brokers. Technical factors were also responsible for the decline.

Neither the stronger tendency in the dollar nor firming government bond futures helped shares. The all-share SPI index fell 30.96 points, or 1.45%, to 2,108.88.

TOKYO - The Stock Exchange was elosed due to a national holiday. Trading will resume today. Oo Friday, the Nikkei average dropped 90.50 points to end at 20,287.42.

HONG KONG - Stocks closed sharply higher, though slightly off carly peaks, as the market turned . its attention to laggards, brokers said. The hlue-chip Hang Seng Index elimbed 94.49 points to end at 10,634.50.

SYDNEY - Australiao stocks eoded lower after a lackloster day's trading as a resource sector weakened by lower gold and base metals prices weighed oo the overall market.

The all ordinaries index closed 6.4 points lower at 2233.0.

JOHANNESBURG - South African gold shares plunged on a softer metal price to elose broadly weaker in subdued trade and dealers said the index would extend losses during the week.

lodustrial shares elimbed steadily to elose higher and Wall Street was seen calling the shots for the week. The overall index closed off 13 points at 6,710.4, the industrial index was up 34.6 at 8,479 and the gold index finished 68 down at 1,560.3.

## Dow posts losses, hurt by fresh technology selling

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) Wall Street stocks posted double-digit losses yesterday as worries over fourth-quarter earnings again hit

hard at technology shares. Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average ended 17.34 points lower

The Nasdaq market was off 19.62 points, nearly two percent, at 988.61.

In the broader market, declining issues led advances 12-9 on moderate volume of 307 millionshares on the exchange.

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# Cavs down Suns

PHOENIX (AP) - Dan Majerle didn't want to call it revenge. The smile on his face iodicated otherwise.

Majerle scored 20 points in his first game against his former team, leading the Cleveland Cavaliers past the Phoenix Suns 89-74 Sunday night.

"I've been thinking about this game for a long time," said Maierle, who was dealt to Cleveland in preseason after seven seasons with the Suns. "We needed this win and I'm glad we got it. Now maybe I can put this whole thing

behind me." Chris Mills and Terrell Brandon added 18 points apiece for the Cavaliers, the NBA's top defensive team which limited its 27th opponent this season to under 100 points.

Phoenix, 0-9 this season when held under 100 points, scored its fewest points since a franchiselow 68 at Kansas City on March 8, 1981.

The injury-plagued Suns, who dressed the league-minimum eight players for the fourth straight game, made only 28 of 74 field goals, including 11 of 37 in the first half.

It was their seventh loss in the last 10 games overall and fifth in a row at home.

"You have to make baskets in this game and we couldn't hit anything," said Phoenix coach Paul Westphal. "Look at our stat sheet. You're not going to beat a college team shooting like that."

The Suns had hit 11 field goals in the first half of a home game, matching a elub low originally set on January 26, 1971, against

"Phoenix was playing with a lot of emotion and enthusiasm, but they just couldn'r make their shots. We know what that's like," Cleveland coach Mike Fratello said, 'Majerle was just outstanding for as tonight. He really stepped up and kept his emotions in check."

Majerle entered the game with 5:03 remaining in the first quarter and received a one-minote standing ovation from the sellont crowd at America West Arena,

Majerle, a first-roond draft pick of the Suns in 1988, was traded to Cleveland on October 7 for John "Hot Rod" Williams, who sat out his fourth consecutive game with a nerve irritation in his right leg.

. Majerie had 13 points by halftime, sending Cleveland to a 45-30 lead. The Suns scored 11 sec-

Phoeoix, trailing 62-50 after the third quarter, opeoed the fourth period with a 7-0 run capped hy Wesley Persoo's 3point goal with 10:21 remaining.

But Majerle scored on a drive with 9:37 left, was fouled and completed the three-point play to put the Cavaliers up 65-57.

Bobby Phills scored five points and Danny Ferry four as Cleveland built its lead back up to 79-65 with 1:43 to play. Phoenix got no closer than nine points from

Rookie Michael Finley paced Phoenix with 20 points while Wesley Person had 12.

Eliott Perry, who had a careerhigh 35 points in Friday night's home game against Dallas, was held to seven points by Cleveland and made just three of his 11 field

est start since 1987-88 when they were also 9-10 at home. At this stage last season, Phoenix was 26-7 overall and 15-1 at home.

Ferry finished with 13 points and Phills 12. The win was Cleveland's 19th in the past 27 games after starting off the season with seven straight losses.

Phills' 3-point goal 8:34 before halftime put the Cavaliers ahead to stay at 24-21.

SUNDAY'S NBA RESULT: Cleveland 89, Phoenix 74 Only game scheduled

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## Live NBA games coming soon to a TV near you

FROM this Sunday until the playoffs in April, local basketball fans can expect a feast of live NBA matches on cable television.

Aviv Giladi Productions Ltd., producers of the Dudu Topaz Show and Zehn Zeh, announced yesterday it has acquired the rights to broadcast NBA basketball matches live - as well as the popular 'American magazine programs "Inside Stuff" and "NBA Action".

These offer fascinating glimpses into the lives of the players off the court.

Cable Channel 3 and the Sports Channel, Channel 5, will coordinate the broadcasts between them.

NBA Israel representative Arik Henning bailed the development as "very important".

"This is the first time in Israel that private enterprise is sponsoring sports broadcasts", he said. Until now, state television companies have relied on government funding to broadcast live sport Alan Roberts

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LONDON (Reuter) - Devon Malcolm has been strongly criticized for raising the issue of color in his dispute with England cricket boss Ray Illingworth.

Derhyshire's Jamaican-horn fast bowler seems certain to be fined for breach of contract after a public outburst following his miserable tour of South Africa. "I have to ask - would this

have happened if I had been a white bowler?" Malcolm was quoted as saying in yesterday's Daily Express while commenting on his treatment by England in South Africa.

"That is an offensive remark." countered Test and County Cricket Board TCCB spokesman Richard Little. "We always pick the best possible players and take no account of any other

Malcoim, who played in only two Tests, has received plenty of sympathy for the way he was apparently handled by Illingworth and coach Peter Lever from the early days of England's

They tried to make him change his action and, when that failed, seemingly virtually ignored him in the nets.

Malcolm says his confidence was destroyed by Illingworth, the chairman of selectors, and says he would have packed his bags and gone home if his team-mates had not dissuaded him.

According to the article, Malcolm claims Illingworth swore at him and ordered him to leave the nets on Christmas Day, the eve of



SOUR PUSS - Devon Malcom glumly walks from the field after a disappointing performance in the second Test in South Africa. last month.

the fourth Test, because he was distracting Darren Gough. But hy hinting at discrimina-

tion, the 32-year-old risks losing support, especially after confirming that his color was never mentioned on tour.

Malcolm is due to continue his attack against Illingworth and the tour management today.

But he has already said enough to guarantee himself a hefty fine.

# Smashnova, Ran score solid wins at Australian Open

ORI LEWIS

ISRAEL'S two representatives at the Australian Open both scored impressive first-round wins on the opening day of competition in Melbourne yesterday.

Anna Smashnova caused the

first and only upset on Day 1 of the opening Grand Slam event of the year when she ousted 12thseeded Natasha Zvereva 6-2, 4-6, 7-5, in an exciting baseline battle which lasted two and a half hours. Eyal Ran, Israel's No. 1 men's player, had an easier time in

overcoming fellow-qualifier Andre Cherkasov of Russia 6-1, 6-3, Ran, 24, managed an almost error-free performance on an

outside court against the far more experienced Cherkasov, 26, who was placed as high as 13 in the ATP Rankings in 1991, but dropped to his current 183 due to injury.

Ran has a much tougher opponent in his next match - Australian Mark Philippoussis.

The tall hard-hitting Australian, ranked No. 30 in the world, is one of his country's bright hopes for the future, and he will have a partisan crowd on his side when he faces Ran, ranked 160, on Thursday.

Smashnova used all her fighting spirit to overcome Zvereva, the world No. 14 and No. 1 doubles player in a thrilling match on

Smashnova, ranked No. 57. played her tried and inisted baseline game and managed to unsettie Zvereva, whose more attacking style of play was nevertheless not powerful enough to finish off the match quickly.

The diminutive Israeli rushed through the first set and then had chances to finish off the match in the second before Zvereva moved up a gear and began attacking the net.

The final set turned into a secsaw battle. From 3-3, there were five consecutive breaks of serve as neither player was able to pull

Smashnova and Zeverva, both born in Minsk, used their strongest weapons to thwart each other's efforts to win their own service game.

Zeverva rushed up to net to finish off the point quickly on the volley, while the Israeli bided her time at the back of the court and more often than not came up with

a winning pass. Unlike Ran, Smashnova has a good chance of advancing even further in the tournament, as her next opponent is the 28-year-old American Tami Whitlioger

(For more news from the Anstralian Open, see the World of Sports supplement)

## **UMass stays** atop survey

NEW YORK (AP) - Massachusens remained the No. 1 team in the college basketball poll for the fourth straight week today, while there were multiple changes at the bottom of the Top 25.

The Minutemen (14-0) received 62 of the 64 first-place votes and 1,598 points from the oational media panel, with Kentucky (13-1) holding the numberup spot for the fourth straight week, this time with 1,519 points. Cincinnati (11-0) and Kansas

(12-1) swapped third and fourth with the Bearcats receiving a first-place vote. Connecticut (14-1) received the other No. 1 vote and moved up one spot to fifth:

Wake Forest, which jomped two spots, Villanova, Georgetown, Memphis and North Carolina rounded out the Top Ten. Georgetown, which lost to Pittsburgh during the week, fell three places in the only other change among that group.

Virginia Teek jumped from

15th to lead the Second Ten and was followed by Syraeuse, UCLA, Penn State, Utah, Iowa, Purdne, Arizooa, Clemson and Michigan. The last five spots went to Mississippi State, Georgia, Anbura, Boston College and Texas Tech. The last three teams are new to

the poll this week. Boston College (11-3) was ranked 24th two weeks ago before falling out in the last voting after losing to Villanova. It's been a lot longer between

poll appearances for the other

Auburn (14-3), which comes in at No. 23 off the upset of then-No. 19 Georgia, was last ranked in 1987-88, and that was for one week in the middle of the season at No. 19.

Texas Tech (12-1), whose only loss was to Eastern Michigan and whose biggest win was over Oklahoma, was last ranked in the final poll of the 1984-85 season.

## SCOREBOARD

Due to Martin Luther King Day to the US, several NBA and NHL games were played yesierday afternoon: YESTERDAY'S NBA RESULTS: FEATY results:
Milwankee 98, New York 92
Atlanta 96, Detroit 88
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(Michael Jordan scored 46) YESTERDAY'S NHL RESULTS:

### **GUESS WHO?**

Who holds the NBA playoff record for more three-point shots made in a game?

Larry Bird Dominique Wilkins Dan Majerle Answer tomorrow.

Early results: NY Islanders 3, Tampa Bay 2 Vancouver 6, Boston 0

Answer to yesterday's 'Gness When': The last NFC Championship game that didn't involve the Cowboys or 49ers was in 1991, when the Redskins defeated the Lions 41-10 to win the

## Australian Open on TV: A taste of summertime SPORTSWATCH

ITS time to adjust the elocks again. No, its not due to an Interior Ministry decree, but because its summertime in Australia and that means lots of very-earlymorning excitement in front of the little box.

While temperatores soar at Flinders Park as summer reaches its peak Down Uoder, we can wrap up in a nice warm blanket with a cup of rea and try to simulate the heat as outside temperatures drop to only a few degrees above freezing.

The first day of action in Melbourne vesterday for me only began when the screeches of a little boy in the oext room reminded me that it was time to turn on the action and tune in to Prime Sport. But while taking the little one-

to his play group, I promised the nipper that from now on I will wake up without his help and try not to disturb him as I appland

**ORI LEWIS** the fine tennis of Sampras and

day was brought very close to home when we saw live coverage of our own Anna Smashnova's excellent upset victory over 12thseeded Natasha Zvereva in a thrilling match.

Now we will have to wait and

The height of the action yester-

see how first-round winner Eyal-Ran fares against one of the local hopefuls, Mark Philippoussis, in a second-round match which is also almost certain to be given live coverage. While the action during the

next 12 days will keep me nailed -to my seat in front of the set, I'm already making plans for the last two days of the tournament - the men's and women's finals.

If last year is anything to go by, oeither Prime or Eurosport

live) will be showing the singles finals live. They usually do not go out of their way to inform us of this, but in previous years they didn't. have the rights to live coverage and forced those of os who wanted to have a meaniogful few hours in front of the television to block out all news re-

(who are also covering the first

Grand Slam event of the year

had seen the delayed action. I tried my best last year, but was thwarted by Prime themselves, who apparently went out of their way to ruin my enjoyment when a careless technician switched the tapes. We saw the

ports from the finals until we

men's winner's trophy being presented to Andre Agassi before we were allowed to watch the last third of the match. I hope that technician was sub-

jected to some traditional Chi-

nese torture, Hong Kong style, and he won't repeat his mistake again this year. THERE will be only a short re-

spite after the end of the Open for me, at least, before I get the youngster to sit up with ine during more civilized morning hours and begin teaching him the art of keeping a straight bat. When the cricket World Cun

begins on the Indian subcontinext on rebruary 14, everything else will take a back seat as Prime again do the honors with what they are already promising will be total live action all the way through to and including the final on March 17.

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## CRITIC'S CHOICE

HELEN KAYE

**ENGLISH THEATER** 

CHASING the Moment won both the London Time Out magazine and the Edinburgh Festival Best Fringe Play award. It tells the story of a group of jazz musicians and stars Jack Shepherd, who also wrote the play. He and the other actor-musicians will jam all during intermission. Tonight at the Kfar Sava Municipal Auditorium at 8:30.

#### CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

JERZY Semkow leads the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in Beethoveo's Third "Eroica" Symphony, Bernstein's Prelude, Fugue and Riff as well as in Scriabin's Poem of Fire with pianist Tomer Lev and with special lighting effects. Tonight through Thursday at the Haifa Auditorium and Saturday at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv at 8:30.

Mexican maestro Enrique Batiz leads the Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra in Beethoven's Eighth Symphony, Handel's Water Music, Chavez's Sarabande for strings and Hindemith's Clarinet Sonata in its orchestral version with soloist Nitzan Kaspi. Tonight at Ein Hashofet, tomorrow night in Nahariya, Tomer Lev plays Scriabin's 'Poem of Fire' with Thursday in Kimaron and Sunday in Dorot all at 8:30. Also on Saturday morning (11.00) in Tzavta in Tel Aviv.

TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

THE novelty of flipping through public-access

programming tends to wear off somewhere

between sex aids and ice fishing. To keep things

interesting, the cable smorgasboard show

Manhattan Cable wisely intersperses its frantic

channel surfing with weird little on-scene vignettes from the Big Apple.

Perky Laurie Pike, who could be Mary Tyler Moore's very cool daughter, talks leaded

restraints with the owner of a specialty bar called

The Vault, Or she shares a coffee-shop booth with Quentin Crisp, self-described as one of the state-

ly old queens of England, who has long since

moved his blue-rinse bouffant to New York.

Sidekick Bill Judkins chats with a man who will

freeze-dry your pet (dogs cost more than ham-

Catch the off-beat action on the Discovery



the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

#### **FILMS**

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ADINA HOFFMAN

engaging psychological thriller, a serial killer commits one grisly murder for each of the Seven Deadly Sins. The picture was written by Andrew Kevin Walker, who strives quite consciously for the pitch and texture of a '40s crime film. He does a good job. Despite the atrocities the shadowy slaughterer commits (squeamish viewers are warned to steer clear), the action focuses mostly on character and setting. These are, respectively, two mismatched police detectives - regal Morgan Freeman and cocky Brad Pitt - and an unspecified, always-rainy American city, well along in its decay. The film is entertaining in a trashy, morbid way, although by the time it winds round to its inevitable surprise ending, the Seven-Sin-Plan also comes to seem a little cynical. In one fell swoop, a major Christian construct is reduced to nothing more than a nifty plot propeller. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult: ID will be checked.)

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Channel at 10:50 p.m.

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5 Popular group is let in (5)

6 Convicts a boy entrapped

7 Entertainers taking

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8 Time for getting level (7)

14 Perpetually gullible, so

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18 Odd characters are each

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24 Some people will strive never to cause split (5)

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## CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

not new! (7)

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25 Getting a cent in change is

26 Poetically presented back-to-front (7)

27 The Spanish are no

28 A woman intent on

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### ACROSS ...

- 1 Risk taken by the novice in church (7)
- 5 One father in dreadful mess responsible for hold-up (7) 9 The beak making a stand (7)
- 10 A dotty way to do the decorating! (7) 11 One may produce notes on the French bean (9)
- 12 Set right a sanctimonious
- beast (5) 13 Not all of those chosen seek
- recognition (5) 15 Down-to-earth activity
- which is growing (9) 17 Wouldn't allow car-park opening amid tall grass (9)
- 19 The body politic say (5)
- 22 Youngster given direction by a prude (5) 23 One in fifty reprimands will bring tears (9)
- DOWN 1 Soldiers in bistros ordering
- 2 Refram that can make a
- seaman turn colour! (7)
- 3 Caution should be used
- about opposing cut (5)

  4 Buffet having difficulty providing illumination (9)

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### SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Go in, 3 Straight, 9 Way in, 10 Rattled, 11 Rip, 12 Reining in, 14 Butt in, 16 Series, 18 Itinerary, Nonsense, 26 Do in.

DOWN: 1 Gower, 2 key, 4 Turn in, 5 Astride, 6 Gelignite, 7 Tidings, 8 Once, 12 Putting in, 14 Bring in, 15 Humise, 17 Haggis, 19 Year, 21 Run

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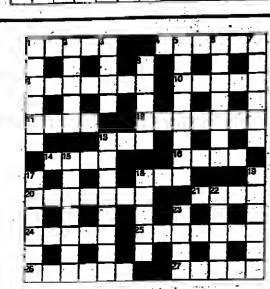
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5 Mirage (8)

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8 Shop (5)



## QUICK CROSSWORD

- **ACROSS** 1 Interior (5)
- 4 Very small (6) 9 Display (7)
- 10 Cut (5) 11 Rodents (4)
- 12 Save (7) 13 Cereal (3) 14 Manage (4) 16 Above (4) 18 Admirer (3) 20 Wraith (7)
- 21 Construct (4) 24 Follow (5) 25 Captain (7) 26 Delight (6) 27 Upright (5)
- 13 Unsettled (8) 15 Supervise (7) 17 Shumbering (6) 18 Sumptuous meal
  - 19 Rue (6) 22 Plenty (5) 23 Pleasant (4) .

### WHAT'S ON

#### CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

**TELEVISION** 

#### 票 EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Shakespearean Theater 8:30 Literature 8:55 Arithmetic 9:25 Young children's programs 10:00 Family relations 10:30 Literature 11:00 French 11:15 Math 11:25 Science 11:35 English 11:45 Open Studio: Oress codes 12:15 Science and technology 12:40 Geography 13:00 Divan - Arabic foliore 13:30 Animal Tales 13:45 Kitty Cat and Hummy 14:00 Peter Pan 14:25 Cartoons 15:00 Current affairs

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15:30 Winnie the Poch - cartoon 15:55 Goggle Eyes 15:26 Youth Court 17:00 A New Evening 17:35 Hai Zap — with animals and pets 18:15 News in English ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Apropos 19:00 News HEBREW PROGRAMS 19:30 Every Evening with Merav Michaeli 20:00 Mabet Lews 20:50 Live Lotto draw 20:55 Sitton - Israeli drama series 21:30 Referendum with Meni Pe'er 22:35 Roughnecks drama set on an oil drilling platform in the North Sea 23:30 News 00:00 Verse of the Day

#### CHANNEL 2

13:00 Double Agent - Walt Disney film 14:00 Open Cards - young people's talk show 15:00 The Little Mermaid 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshef 17:30 First Love romantic game show for youngsters 18:00 Ruby - talk show 19:00 Lingo - TV game show 19:30 Cornedy Store 20:00 News 20:30 Ramat Aviv Gimmel – soap opera 21:15 Fact – Itana Dayan's investigative program 22:00 Gov Night – comedy 23:05 The X-Files - suspense series 00:00

News 00:05 Night Encounters - interview show with Kobi Medan 00:35 Anna Lee - series about an ex-policewomen who becomes a private eye 02:25 Nurses 02:50 Poem of the Day

#### JORDAN TV

14:00 Captain Planet - cartoon 14:30 Jonny Quest - cartoon 14:50 Spirit of Adventure 15:40 Scientific

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Jerusalem: Bilax Holim (internal, obstetnos); Shaare Zedek (surgery, orthopedics, ophtheimology, ENT); Hadessah Ein 
Kerem (pediatrics);
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#### Eye - documentary 16:30 Voyagers - drama 17:00 French programs **E SECOND SHOWING (6)** 19:30 News headlines 19:35 You Bet Your Life 20:00 The Secret of the

22:00 Que La Fete Commence (1975) - Bertrand Tavernier directs this drama about the French Treasure Islands - documentary 20:25 Hawaii Five-0 21:10 99-1 -police drama 22:00 News in English Revolution starting Philippe Noiret (114 mins) 00:00 Darling Lif (1970) — 22-25 M Take Manhanan, - drama musical comedy set during WWI, directed by Blake Edwards and starsenes23:15 Angel (1984) - a 15year-old moonlights as a Hollywood Boulevard hooker and is menaced ring his wife Julie Andrews. An American pilot falls for a German spy by a murderer. Starring Cliff Gorman and Susan Tyrrell (92 mins) and wait till the end of the war to marry her. With Rock Hudson (107

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#### ■ DISCOVERY (8)

\14:00 700 Club 14:55 Matinee Film 16:30 Moomins 16:55 Heathcliff 6:00 Open University: History 12:00 East Meets West 13:00 United States of Television 14:00 Open 17:20 Inspector Gadget 17:45 Flying House 18:10 Father Dowling 19:10 Magnum P.I. 20:00 World News Torught (Arabic) 20:30 CNN University 16:00 East Meets West 17:00 United States Television 18:00 Open University 20:00 Manhettan Cable 20:40 Archeology 21:10 Equinox 9 22:00 Air Combet 22:50 Headline News 21:00 America's Funniest Home Videos 21:30 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 22:20 Earth Manhattan Cable 23:30 Archeology 2 23:10 700 Club 00:00 Special 00:00 Open University

#### ■ ITV 3 (33)

17:00 Cartoons 17:30 The Halwari Gate – Egyptian series 18:30 From Day to Day – chat show 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Opening Shots 20:00 Mabat news 20:45 Doctors' Talk 21:15 Weekly Column 23:15 Night Pop 23:45 Closedown

#### ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Hey Dad 16:00 Reading 17:00
At the Bottom of the Sea with Delphi
17:30 Time Out 18:00 Jews of North
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(with Russian subtitles) 20:30 G.P. —
Australian medical drama series
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#### SUPER CHANNEL

10:30 The Funeral (1984) (rpt) 12:35
The Bells of San Angelo (1947) —
Western starring Roy Rogers as a
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smugglers in e small town (75 mins)
13:55 The Whales of August (1987)
— (rpt) 15:25 Heroes of Desert Storm
(1982) (rpt) 17:00 For the Love of
Nancy (1994) (rpt) 18:35 Time to
Triumph (1985) — Drama about e
woman whose husband has a heart
attack just a few days after she gives 6:00 FT Report 6:15 Wall Street 6:30 NBC News 7:00 ITN News 7:15 US Market Wrap 7:30 Winners 8:00 Today featuring ITN World News and FT Business 10:00 Super Shop 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 The Squawk Box 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Ushuaia 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30
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The Tonight Show with Jay Leno
1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien attack just a few days after she gives birth to their third child. In her desperation to get a job she joins the army. Starring Patty Duke and Joseph Bologna (94 mins) 21:00 The Revenge of Jessie Lee (1993) — action Western directed by and starring Mario Van Peebles. A group of mostly black army deserters are light to a frontier traus where they fight the

#### STAR PLUS

6:00 Beverly Hillbillies 8:30 Cooking In France 7:00 For Your Entertainment 7:30 Gabrielle 8:30 Santa Barbara 9:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 10:00 Oprah Winfrey 11:00 Remington Steele 12:00 Cooking in France 12:30 E! TV 13:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 13:30 Small Wonder 14:00 Black Stallion 14:30 Batman 15:00 Home and Away 15:30 Entertainment colonel who is after them. With Stephen Baldwin (107 mins) 22:55 Blue Tomado (1990) - USAF pilot and pretty young investigator check out 8 mysterious air accident (86 mins) 00:25 Track 29 (1988) - black 1:55 The Mangler (1995) - Stephen King horror film (101 mins) and Away 15:30 Entertainment Tonight 16:00 M\*A\*S\*H 16:30 Bodyline 17:30 The Extraordinary 18:30 The Bold and the Beautifu 19:00 Santa Barbara 20:00 Hard Copy 20:30 Baywatch 21:30 Andros Targets 22:30 Entertainment Tonight 6:30 Cartoons 8:00 Surprise Garden 8:35 Alvin and the Chipmunis 9:00 Detectives 9:40 Silver Hawks 10:10 23:00 Oprah Winfrey 00:00 Hard Copy 00:30 Home and Away 1:00 Family Ties 10:45 Covington Cross 11:40 Loony Toons 12:00 Saved by the Bell 12:30 Hugo 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:35 Little Monsters 14:00 Nonsense 14:30 Speed Racer 15:10 The Sullivans

### **CHANNEL** 5

6:30 - 8:00 Bodies in motion 16:00 Bodies in motion 16:30 South American soccer 17:45 US college basketball 19:00 Premier League soccer roundup 20:00 US college basketball; Connecticut vs Providence 21:00 ice legends 22:00 Spanish league soccer 23:30 NFL

#### **EUROSPORT**

9:30 Eurogoals 10:00 Alpine skiing from Austria 11:15 Live men's alpine skiing from Switzerland 12:45 Live tennis from Melbourne 14:00 Live men's alpine skiing from Switzerland 15:00 Live tennis from Melbourne 20:00 Live African Nations' Cup socoses Gebook vs. Liberia 22:00 African cer: Gabon vs Liberia 22:00 African Nations' Cup soccer:Tunisia vs Mozambique 23:00 Tennis highlights 1:00 Snooker

#### PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Live tennis 8:00 Billiards 9:00 Squash 10:00 Live Australian Open tennis 14:00 Asian soccer 15:30 Futbol Mundial 16:00 Australian Open tennis highlights 20:00
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#### BBC WORLD

News on the hour 6:00 BBC Newsday 6:05 Panorame 10:05 Panorama 11:25 Tomorrow's World 14:15 The Money Programme 15:15 World News 16:25 The Andrew Neil Show 17:15 Panorama 18:25 Food and Drink 19:25 Film '95 22:05 Panorama 23:25 The Clothes Show 00:00 BBC World News and 00:00 BBC World News and Business Report

#### **ECNN INTERNATIONAL**

News throughout the day 6:00 World News 6:30 Inside Politics 8:30 Moneyline 9:30 World Report 10:30 Showbiz Today 11:30 CNN Newsroom 12:30 World Report 13:00 Business Day 14:00 Business Asia 14:30 World Sport 15:00 Asia News 15:30 Business Asia 16:00 Larry King Live 17:30 World Sport 18:30 Business Asia 21:00 World Business Today 21:30 World News 22:00 Larry King Live 00:00 World Business Today 00:30 World Sport

#### SKY NEWS

News throughout the day 6:30 CBS News 7:30 ABC World News 12:30 ABC Nightline 15:30 CBS News This Morning 16:30 Live from Parliament 19:00 Live at Five 20:30 Tonight with Adam Boulton 22:00 World News and Business Report 22:30 Target 1:30 **CBS Evening News** 

#### RADIO

WOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 6:06 Morning Concert 9:05
D'Anglebert: Harpsichord suite no 3
in D minor (Scott Ross); Haydn:
String quartet op 20/2 (Solomon);
Beethoven: Sonata no 15 in D op 28
"Pastoral" (Brendel); Dvorak; Piano
quartet op 87 (Domos); Berlioz; Lelio
12:00 Light Classical — Handel;
Music for the Royal Fireworks;
Haydn: Cello concerto in D; Gounod;
Ballet music from Faust 13:00 Cellist
Lynn Harrell — Beethoven: String trio Lynn Harrell - Beethoven: String trio in D op 9/2 (with Periman, in D op 9/2 (with Periman, Zukerman); Brahms: Violin and cello concerto op 102 14:06 Encore 15:00 From the Recording Studio – (1) Margelit. Gafni (ffute): Israel Castoriano (plano). Reinecke: Ondine sonata; Bozza: For the Flute op 38; Eldin Burton; Sortatina for flute and piano. (2) Bach: Suite no 2 in B minor for flute and orch 16:00 The Chasan — the heat of the wards. The Chosen - the best of the year's CDs 18:00 100th anniversary of Anton Bruckner's death - Ps 150; Symphony no 8 (Vienna PO/Giulini) 20:05 From the World's Concert Halls - Stuttgart RSO, cond Yuri Ahronovitch, soloist Natalia Gutman (cello). Schnittke: Cello con-certo no 1; Scriabin: Symphony no 3 22:20 A Musical Journey

### CINEMA

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# Meshulam men remanded for conspiracy

## 'Fringe group' allegedly had hit list of public officials

RAINE MARCUS

SIX followers of jailed self-styled rabbi Uzi Meshulam were remanded by Kfar Sava Magistrate's Court yesterday on suspicion of conspiring to narm public figures and to damage govern-

Yosef Aharon, Avner Dahari, Haim Shabi, Yosef Yehuda. Menahem Shrama, and Avimelech Tsubara were arrested by Sharon police early Sunday at their Petah Tikva homes. Bullets. hullet-proof vests, allegedly seditious material, and a small quantity of drugs were found at some of the homes.

Following their arrests, Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz said that "fringe elements" of Meshulam's sect have a "hit list" that includes the prime minister, the internal security minister, the state comptroller, and others. Meshulam is serving an eightyear sentence for crimes committed during a two-month siege at his Yehud home.

Police have known since Meshulam's arrest in May 1994 that some of his followers are a danger to the public, and are suspected of sabotaging the Petah Tikva phone exchange a year ago. Police were supposed to mount surveillance operations on such "lunatic fringe" elements and have

THE head of the General Securi-

ly Service VIP protection unit,

B., yesterday began his defense

before the Shamgar Commission.

The commission had said he "did

continually received tip-offs that members are dangerous.

During yesterday's hearing, the lawyer for five of the suspects, Tsadok Hugi, denied all allegations. He claimed that the sixth suspect, Tsubara, who was remanded for five days, is an undercover police agent, hired hypolice to tape other Meshulam supporters. The police denied

Outside the court, where such remarks are subject to libel law, Hugi refused to repeat his claim.

IDF bullets and bullet-proof vests found at some of their homes were old and left over from army reserve duty." Hugi

The police had asked for the maximum 15-day remand for all six suspects, but Judge Yehuda Farago remanded Hugi's clients

The courtroom was beavily guarded by border policemen, detectives, and riot police and only a few of Meshulam's followers were allowed to enter.

Hugi also said that only Yehuda and Shahi are followers of Mesbulam, and that the other suspects "simply identified with Meshulam's campaign to investigate the disappearance of Yemenite children in the 1950s."



This graffito found on the doors of the Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court yesterday reads: 'Shahal is a criminal!' and 'Nazi trial!' Police blame followers of Uzi Meshulam for the defacement.

# Bomb threat, sticker target Peres

BATSHEVA TSUR and MICHAL YUDELMAN

**BILL HUTMAN** sion said his defense centered on showing he was aware of the threat to Rabin from right-wing extremists, and took steps in While not specifically accusing

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Head of VIP unit in GSS

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Life from the Dead Sea

POLICE sappers rushed to Prime Minister Shimon Peres's residence in Jerusalem's Beit Hakerem neighborhood close to midnight on Sunday after an anonymous caller said a bomb would be detonated there within

Aided by specially trained dogs, the police searched the building and the surroundings for more than an hour but nothing suspicious was found, Israel Radio reported.

Peres and his wife, Sonya, were at home watching TV at the

The caller, who reached the police emergency line, was reportedly a man with a native He-

Meanwhile, police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz has ordered an investigation into the sources and distribution of a newsticker: "Shalom Haver 2" (Goodbye Friend 2).

The sticker is made ont in the same form and print as the original sticker with the two words. coined by President Bill Clinton which became the most prevalent slogan after prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination.

The police probe was request-. ed by Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz, who yesterday came across what he called "the dreadful, shocking sticker."

In an angry letter to Hefetz, Peretz said "in these days, before we have overcome the shock over terrible deeds deriving from wild incitement, I happened to come across a chilling sticker. Even if the explicit name does not appear on it, the threat against Peres is

Peretz urged Hefetz to investigate everyone involved in the severe incitement.

## Marathon debate leads up to vote tonight on Oslo 2 implementation

DISCUSSION of the bill on the implementation of Oslo 2 continned yesterday in a marathon Knesset session, which should culminate in the votes on the second and third readings tonight. According to opposition coordinator MK Michael Eitan (Likud), 40 opposition MKs will attack the government's policy for 12 bours non-stop in the plenum today.

Last week, the opposition threatened to delay the bill's passage, exploiting the fact that the government failed to submit it on time and is rushing it through the Knesset.

The coalition needs to ensure the law passes and comes into effect before the Palestinian Authority elections this Saturday. One of the clauses is necessary to

LIAT COLLINS

enable voting in east Jerusalem post offices by Iocal Arab After several acrimonious

meetings last week, the Knesset House Committee, chaired by Elie Goldschmidt (Labor), reached a compromise whereby the Likud would not use a noconfidence motion as a delaying tactic - as it did over the first reading - but 17 bours of plenum time would be allotted for the opposition to present its reserva-

The time of the final vote was also agreed upon, and Goldschmidt reminded the nearly empty plenum of it in his speech: "No matter what happens, at 22:00

Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss criticized the government for its

time to complain that the elections threaten the status of Jeru-

One of them, Michael Eitan,

Labor MKs accused the opposition of wanting to return to

[tonight] the vote will be held."

poor handling of the bill. "I'm taking the opportunity to ask the government to avoid this sort of malfunction in the future. Submit bills on time." Likud MKs used the plenum

also criticized the name of the law, which refers to the implementation of the interim agreement on the "West Bank and Gaza Strip" rether than Judea and Samaria.







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# H. Amir, Adani appeal remands

RAINE MARCUS

THE lawyers of Dror Adam and Haggai Amir, remanded on Sunday until end of legal proceedings by Tel Aviv District Court, appealed the remand to the Supreme Court yesterday.

Amir and Adani are charged with conspiracy to murder Yirzhak Rabin and Palestinians, and illegal possession of weapons and ammunition. They will be tried before a panel of three judges due to the "severity of the offenses," the court ruled last

In his appeal, Amir's lawyer Mosbe Meroz argued that District Court Judge Menahem Ilan had been mistaken in remanding his client until after trial, since Amir was not an accomplice in Rabin's murder, and was only informed by his brother Yigal of his previous attempts to kill him. "He also tried to prevent him from doing such a deed," read

'Yigal Amir, Dror Adam, and Margalit Har Shefi - all witnesses in the case - testified that Yigal did not share his plans with anyone in advance, and when he did mention them afterwards, the petitioner did not take them seriously," read the appeal

While at one stage Haggai Amir did admit that he knew of his brother's plot, Meroz argued that this confession was extracted after extreme pressure by investi-

Meroz also denied that his client plotted to harm Palestinians and their property.

"Therefore he cannot be considered a danger to the public,"

Regarding Dror Adami, lawyer Zion Amir said that a suitable alternative to remand should be applied and that his client does not present a danger to the pub-lic, as claimed by the prosecu-

Amir said that his client denies all-conspiracy charges and that police and the GSS have no substantial evidence to prove such allegations.

cw-1He also said that evidence given by others arrested in the case does not suggest that Adami had any direct connection with Yigal Amir.

Meanwhile, Yigal Amir's lawyers, Mordechai Offri and Jonathan Goldberg, filed a petition in Tel Aviv District Court asking that the plea hearing of their client be postponed for three months "or until the Shamgar Commission publishes its findings." The court will hear the petition tomorrow.

## Cattle breeders call for stop to rustling

**DAVID RUDGE** 

THE Cattle Breeders Association yesterday called for tougher security measures against rustlers, after a man guarding cattle near Kibbutz Beit Keshet came under fire early yesterday.

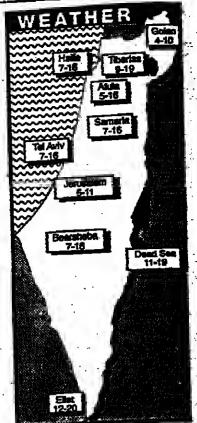
Police said shots were fired and a stun grenade was thrown at the guard after he spotted suspicious movement near the berd. He was unburt, but his jeep

A large force of police arrived and searched for the attackers.

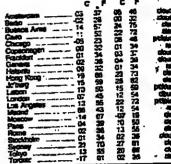
The police are taking a very grave view of the incident, especially because of the shooting, and said they would do their utmost to catch the perpetrators.

The cattle breeders charged that the police are not doing. enough to stop the theft of cattle.

The association said hundreds of cattle bad been stolen in the past year, especially from grazing areas near the Green Line, causing millions of shekels of losses.



AROUND THE WORLD



Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the nine of spades, jack of hearts, king of diamonds, and 10 of clubs.

## **New indictment** in media bugging case

RAINE MARCUS

AN indictment against a private investigator, arrested last April in the media wiretapping case, will be presented this morning in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court. Micha Rotem, 42, is to be charged on some 10 counts of bugging the phones and faxes of companies, a broker, and others.

According to the District Attorney's office, Rotem worked with private investigators Rafi Friedan and Ya'acov Tsur (the latter a state's witness in the wiretapping case) and helped them in wiretapping commissioned by various parties. Tsur is expected to testify against Rotem, a former police officer.

He was first arrested last March for his alleged involvement in tapping Elco chairman Gershon Zelkind's phones and fax. He was later arrested in April with Ma'ariv publisher Ofer Nimrodi and others, before being released on bail.

The indictment includes a charge of tapping the phone of Elco's rival, Nisko. The two companies competed for an IEC

tender. Rotem said yesterday that, "I have no idea who most of these people are who I have been told appear on the charge sheet. I have never heard of them."

#### Knesset panel sets rules for GSS wiretaps

A joint Knesset committee yesterday approved rules for wiretapping by the General Security Service, including when it is permissible, who must okay it, and when material must be destroyed. This is the first time such rules have required Knesset approval, and the committee made a number of changes in existing procedure to enable closer supervision by the Prime Minister's

In the coming weeks, the committee will discuss what use can be made of evidence of a crime uncovered during a wiretap authorized because of a different suspected offense.

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